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NORTHERN FIGHT FOR PEKING.

ALARMIST REPORTS.

Tientsin Still Well Out of Danger Zone.

FURTHER JAPANESE ACTIVITIES REPORTED.

Reliable information is to hand as to the exact positions the Nationalist allies have reached in their attempt to reach Peking. Following alarmist reports (not in the "China Mail") that the Southerners had reached Tientsin, it is now definitely established that the Northerners are holding their own on a front over 100 miles long.

Although the Nationalists show no inclination to launch another drive, Japan still considers the outlook at Tientsin to be fraught with possibilities. The whole of the 3rd Nagoya division is being diverted to Tientsin. Furthermore, the Japanese have decided to straddle the railway which leads into Manchuria, thereby cutting off the Northerners' retreat.

A 100-MILE FRONT.

Shanghai, Yesterday.
The line in Chihli province along which the Southern allies and the Northern troops are facing each other runs from east to west, from Tsungchow (on the Tientsin-Pukow Railway) to Honkieu and then to Tingschow (on the Peking-Hankow Railway).—British Naval Wireless.

[Note: This line is just over 100 miles long as the crow flies. Tsungchow is about 60 miles due south of Tientsin and Tingschow is about 150 miles south-west of Peking.]

The "China Mail" indicated earlier this week that this was where the latest fighting had taken place. All previous rumours of the Southerners reaching Tientsin and other places can be ignored. This line has now been held for almost a week. The fact that there has been no change points to the Southerners being afraid to advance at the moment, and the Northerners being undecided as to counter-attack or withdraw further.]

JAPAN MOVES.

A Division at Tientsin: Astride the Manchuria Road.

Shanghai, Yesterday.
The Japanese military authorities are sending a brigade of troops to Chinchowfu (which is on the Peking-Mukden Railway, in the west of Manchuria) to protect the entrance from China Proper into Manchuria.

A regiment of infantry and a battery of artillery are going to Chinchowfu.

The 3rd Nagoya division is being diverted from Tsingtao to Tientsin.—British Naval Wireless.

[Note: Tsingtao is the port of Shantung where the first tension has eased. Tientsin is on the road to Peking and also to Manchuria. The 3rd division is the biggest unit the Japanese have sent to China so far.]

AT CHANGSHA.

Anti-Japanese Feeling Increases.

Changsha, Yesterday.

Anti-Japanese feeling is reported to be on the increase here but there has been no untoward incident and the city is quiet.

The Nationalist Rupture.

There is no positive information about General Cheng Chien, the "hero" of Nanking in March 1927, who has been captured by his Nationalist colleagues. General Li Tsung-jen of the Kwangsi clique has appealed to the troops under Cheng Chien (Huanese) to remain loyal to the general Nationalist cause.

No change is recorded on the Upper Yangtze River.—British Naval Wireless.

Swatow Departures.

Swatow, Yesterday.

The situation here is quiet. About 600 local troops have left in a transport. Their destination is believed to be Canton.—British Naval Wireless.

TSINAN CONDITIONS.

Examining Mails to Prevent Propaganda.

Tokyo, Yesterday.

A despatch to the Foreign Office states that Chinese and Japanese officials in Tsinan have held a conference on the question of the maintenance of peace and order in the city. The Chinese requested the Japanese troops to co-operate as they were unable to maintain order themselves.

A report from Tsinan states that the Chinese authorities in the presence of Japanese guards are examining the public mails for the purpose of preventing their use for the transmission of anti-Japanese propaganda.—Reuter.

BRITISH TRADE.

Kenworthy's Queries in the Commons.

London, Yesterday.
In the House of Commons, replying to Commander J. M. Kenworthy, who asked what reply H.M.'s Government had made to the Japanese statement in regard to their contemplated actions in Manchuria, Mr. G. Locker-Lampson (Foreign Under-Secretary) said that the statement required no reply.

Commander Kenworthy asked whether the Government was satisfied that the interests of British traders were being preserved in Shantung and Manchuria and whether any steps were being taken to watch these interests. Mr. Locker-Lampson said it had been explained by Japan that her reason for her action was not to involve Manchuria in civil war. Commander Kenworthy suggested that there was danger of a virtual Japanese protectorate over Manchuria and asked whether did our treaty rights come in then. Mr. Locker-Lampson said he did not agree with Commander Kenworthy.—Reuter.

THE U.S. NOTE.

Further Observations to the Nationalists.

Shanghai, Yesterday.
Mr. J. V. A. MacMurray (the U.S. Minister at Peking), replying to the assurances of General Hwang Fu (the Nationalist Foreign Minister), following the U.S. Note regarding the protection of American citizens at Tsinan, points out that it has been the regular policy of the American Government to advise its nationals to withdraw from the zones of actual hostilities where they may be exposed either to the accidents of warfare or to the possibility of attack by irresponsible soldiery.

The U.S. Government therefore advises them to retire to places where they may be protected.

Advice Warranted.

That such advice has been warranted is shown by the fact that Dr. Seymour was murdered in cold blood at Tsinan. Mrs. Hobart was killed at Tai-an by rifle fire, and Dr. Osborn was abducted for several weeks and held under arrest for no known reason.

"At the present juncture the course of military events threatens to involve this part of China and it takes this occasion to invite your attention to the fact that the central point of refuge

STINGING ATTACK.

Revised Prayer Book Criticised.

BISHOP BARNES.

Birmingham Cleric Hits Out at Many Things.

London, May 11.

"I say bluntly that if the new Prayer Book is passed all hope of unity within the Church will be at an end," declared Bishop Barnes in the course of a stinging attack on the revised book, at Birmingham.

The Bishop said the book evaded the crucial issues which the Church must face.

Referring to the custom of fasting before communion, Bishop Barnes said that fitness to worship God was not induced by adding hunger to the damp and cold of the early morning in the climate of England.

Dealing with the reservation of the sacrament he said that no wafer would avail against God's justice or was needed to gain his forgiveness.

He was of opinion that the threats of a dis-establishment campaign if the House of Commons did not reverse its former decision could safely be ignored.

ON THE ROCKS.

FORTY WHITES ON BOARD STEAMER.

THE CREW SAVED.

Seattle, Yesterday.

The Alaska Packers' Association vessel, "Star of Falkland," with forty whites and 230 Chinese aboard, went ashore on the rocks near Akun Head, inside the Behring Sea.

A United States coast guard cutter, rushing to her assistance, reported that the forward deck of the "Star of Falkland" was under water.—Reuter.

All Saved.

Seattle, Yesterday.

The coastguards report that all aboard the "Star of Falkland" have been saved.—Reuter's American Service.

JUNGLE RIGHTS.

TROUBLE IN MALAY'S DARK FOREST.

Singapore, Yesterday.

From the dark forests of the Federated State of Stranggani it is reported that some Malays, quarrelling over jungle rights, collided with the police. The latter fired to scatter the demonstrators with the result that several Malays were shot.

There are no details, but Federated Malay States Police are being sent to the scene of the trouble.—Reuter.

for several thousand American citizens is Tientsin, where the American Government has stationed defensive forces and may have the responsibility of protecting its citizens.

Inviolability of Zone.

"As you no doubt realise, the co-mingling of all nationalities within the safety zone established at Tientsin creates a situation in which any threat to the security of that area involves a threat to all within it indiscriminately.

"The American forces have as a matter of practical necessity to share with the forces of other Powers the responsibility of assuring the inviolability of the protected area."

It may be relied on that American forces will seek scrupulously to avoid embarrassing any Chinese military operations, and the earnest hope of the U.S. Military Authorities is "to ensure the complete safety of our nationals without any resort to arms."

"Loyal to China."

Mr. MacMurray hopes that the Chinese authorities "may find it possible to insure that only troops and commanders of unquestioned loyalty to China's welfare may be employed, in the event of any operations in the neighbourhood of Tientsin," and further that all commanders are fully informed of the reasons why protective military measures had been adopted by the U.S. Authorities.—Reuter.

ANTI-WAR PACT.

U.S. State Dept. Still Active.

MORE NOTES PASSING.

Communicating With India And British Dominions.

London, Yesterday.

The United States' Ambassador has handed the Foreign Office a Note, dated May 22 inviting the Governments of Australia, New



Zealand, South Africa and India to become original parties to the Treaty for the renunciation of war.

Identical notes have been de-

JAPANESE FORCE IN TIENTSIN.

Tientsin, To-day.

Eight hundred Japanese troops of the 3rd Division have arrived. The main body expected to be in Tientsin will approximate:

4,000 men.

12 guns.

Nine aeroplanes.

—Reuter.

livered by the United States' Ministers at Ottawa and Dublin to the Governments of Canada and the Irish Free State, respectively.

The Note says that the United States Government has received with the keenest satisfaction, the information conveyed in the British Note of May 19 (that the Governments of the Dominions and India cordially agreed with the general principle embodied in the anti-war treaty) and gladly acceded to the British suggestion that the Governments of the Dominions and India participate in the Treaty individually and as original signatories.

Accordingly, these Governments were being cordially invited through the British Government to become original parties to the said treaty and any future communications from the Government of the United States on the subject of the Treaty, after it had become acquainted with the views of all the Governments to which the note of April 13 had been addressed, would be similarly addressed to the Governments of the Dominions and India.—Reuter.

FRENCH TRADE.

FOUR MONTHS' IMPORTS AND EXPORTS.

COMPARATIVE FIGURES.

Paris, Yesterday.

Imports for the first four months of 1928 totalled 17,574,000,000 francs, showing a decrease of 19,000,000 francs compared with the same period of last year.

Exports totalled 17,049,000,000 francs, showing a decrease of 1,086,000,000 francs, but also an increase of one million and a half tons.—Havas.

TO-DAY'S DOLLAR.

The clearing rate of the dollar on demand, to-day was 2/0 5/16.

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GIGANTIC CONCERN.

Mellon Family's "Koppers" Co. Behind Negotiations.

New York, Yesterday.

According to the newspapers negotiations are progressing for a merger between the United Light and Power Company, and the American Light and Traction Company, involving properties worth together \$375,000,000.

It is understood that "Koppers" Company (Pittsburgh) in which the Mellon family are largely interested are behind the negotiations.—Reuter's American Service.

TANGIER MEETING.

BRITAIN, FRANCE AND ITALY REACH AGREEMENT.

THE NEXT STEP.

Paris, Yesterday.

The Anglo-Franco-Italian Conference regarding Tangier has reached an agreement, which will be submitted to the respective governments.—Reuter.

A BAD CHEQUE.

MR. L. DUNBAR SUES FRANK HAYTOR.

JUDGMENT AND COSTS.

Mr. L. Dunbar, the flour merchant of Exchange-building, who has won the Hong Kong Derby and Champions during the last two years, sued Mr. E. Broadberry, c/o Messrs. William Powell, Ltd., whose turf name is Frank Haytor, for \$941.18 in the Summary Court this morning and obtained judgment and costs.

Mr. P. M. Hodgson (who was Crown Solicitor a good many years ago) appeared for Mr. Dunbar. Mr. Broadberry was not present when his name was called.

Due Notice Given.

The claim is for the equivalent of £100, being the amount of a cheque drawn by defendant on the Kensington branch of Barclay's Bank, Ltd., in favour of plaintiff, dated Feb. 19, 1928, at the rate of 2s/0. 1/8d., which ruled on the date the cheque was drawn.

Giving evidence, Mr. Dunbar said that the cheque was returned to him, dishonoured, and due notice had been sent to defendant in the usual form of letter.

Mr. Justice Jacks (Puisne Judge) gave judgment for plaintiff with costs.

ANTI-NIPPONISM.

ALLEGED POSSESSION OF ANTI-JAPANESE LEAFLETS.

COOLIE IN CUSTODY.

An unemployed Chinese named Leung Yam (21) was this morning charged before Lieut.-Col. F. Haves, D.S.O., at the Central Magistrate's with the unlawful possession of nine anti-Japanese leaflets, and with distributing them in Hospital-road, West Point.

Detective Sergeant Whant of No. 7 Police Station, who was in charge of the case, asked for a remand for the purpose of having the leaflets translated at the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs.

The Magistrate remanded the defendant in custody for a week, fixing the hearing of the case for 11 a.m., on Friday next.

Young Girl Also Charged.
At the Kowloon Magistrate's this morning, a week's formal remand was granted by Mr. Schofield, with regard to a case in which a Chinese and a young girl are alleged to have distributed anti-Japanese pamphlets in Kowloon.

Sergeant Moreton said that on Wednesday, the accused were caught distributing pamphlets to passers-by in Waterloo-road, Yaumatei, containing seditious words against the Japanese, while also the British Government was mentioned in propaganda paragraphs.

So as to enable the pamphlets to be translated, Sergeant Moreton asked for a remand of a week and this was granted.

"AS A YOUNGSTER."

MR. W. A. HANNIBAL'S TRIBUTE.

UNION INSURANCE CO.

New London Offices and Yokohama Building.

INCREASED RETURN ON CHINA FIRE SHARES.

Recalling the time many years ago when, "as a youngster," he used to visit the company's office under the Royal Exchange, Mr. W. A. Hannibal paid a sterling tribute to-day to the Union Insurance Society of Canton, Ltd., on the occasion of the 55th annual meeting, held in Union-building, Pedder-street.

This meeting was followed by the 49th annual meeting of the China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., at which it was announced that an increased return was being made to shareholders.

"SATISFACTORY PROGRESS."

Mr. T. G. Weall (Chairman) presided over both meetings, being supported by the Hon. Mr. J. Owen Hughes, the Hon. Mr. C. G. S. Mackie, Mr. W. H. Bell, Mr. W. L. Pattenden (directors) and Mr. Paul Lauder (general manager).

At the Union Insurance meeting, the following shareholders were present:—Messrs. J. W. Alabaster, A. E. S. Alves, John Bentley, John Arnold, Frank Austin, H. Birkett, P. S. Cassidy, N. V. A. Croucher, B. M. C. da Cunha, L. G. S. Dodwell, H. B. L. Dowbiggin, F. M. Ellis, Leigh Garner, W. F. Gardner, W. A. Hannibal, M. D. G. Hoare, E. A. Lees, Lo Chung-wan, W. R. Mansfield, P. W. Massey, M. Manuk, V. L. dos Remedios, H. C. B. Way, R. D. Read, M. A. R. Souza, D. V. Stevenson, Sin-Hon-ting, E. H. Summers, J. Ormiston, F. W. Stapleton, J. F. Wright, Jr., W. J. Stokes, O. F. Ribeiro, J. A. Worswick, L. E. N. Ryan, R. L. Stewart, A. H. M. da Silva and Prof. C. A. Middleton Smith, Dr. J. H. Sanders.

Balance & Appropriation.

The general manager read the notice convening. The chairman then read his address as follows:—

Gentlemen,—The report and accounts were issued on May 6 and you will have had time to examine the figures. I propose therefore to follow the usual procedure and take them as well as the Auditors' report as read.

The Working Account for the year 1926 after allowing for a bonus to contributors and an interim dividend of 24 shillings per share shows that the balance available for distribution is £190,833 17s. 1d. and your directors recommend that this balance be dealt with in the following manner.

Dividends & Bonus.

The final dividend of 16 shillings per share and a bonus dividend of 5 shillings per share on 135,000 shares be paid to shareholders, absorbing £141,750, and that the balance be carried forward to Underwriting Suspense Account to close the account for the year 1926.

The balance of the Working Account for the year 1927 stands at £249,427 9s. 9d. and the Board recommends that an interim dividend of 24 shillings per share be paid to shareholders, absorbing £162,000, that a bonus of 20 per cent. be paid to contributors, absorbing about £20,000, and that the remainder be carried forward.

The Marine Market.

Reviewing now the operations for the past two years the Society has found that its Marine Account for the year 1926 has not shown a favourable result.

The underwriting conditions in the London market were particularly unfavourable but the difficulties we experienced there have been common to the majority of the companies operating and indeed most Marine companies' 1926 operations will leave diminished profits if not actual loss.

Improved "Fire" Business.
Turning to the year 1927, I am happy to tell you that our Marine Account promises better results than the year 1926 at the same date but it is of course difficult to make any very accurate gauge of the position as it all depends upon the conditions made during the second and subsequent years. The

prospects, however, are distinctly hopeful.
The results of the Society's Fire business during 1927 shows marked improvement over the 1926 account and I am glad to say the business has been transacted profitably.

Satisfactory Progress.

General Business, that is business other than Marine and Fire, although still small is conducted over a wide area and in many portions of the territory covered it is making satisfactory progress. Unfortunately last year certain territories from which we derive a large proportion of our income proved unprofitable and the result as a whole was not satisfactory. Every effort, however, is being made to effect a change for the better and we are hopeful that improved results will be obtained.

Our Business, Gentlemen, generally, is well spread and controlled and if Trade and Underwriting conditions improve the Society should be in a position to reap its full share of the resulting benefits.

South China Changing.

The Society has followed its usual practice and taken the whole of its investments at the market rates ruling on December 31 last.

As regards the political situation in China it is not easy to estimate the position correctly but I think we can safely say that the general conditions in South China are very slowly changing for the better although the shadow of Civil War still hangs heavily on the land, bringing with it, as indeed it must do, a continuance of depressed conditions in the country's trade and industry.

New London Offices.

As you are aware Lloyd's New Building in Leadenhall-street, London, was opened last March and the Society's Underwriting Room has been removed from Union Building, Nos. 78-80 Cornhill, to suitable quarters in Lloyd's new premises. Many of the other companies have also secured offices there. It was felt that by taking this step the Company Underwriters would be more in touch with the market. The Society's former Underwriting Rooms have been let to a leading British Bank on satisfactory terms.

Yokohama Building.

Our new Building at Yokohama is nearing completion and should be opened in the near future. The former building as you are perhaps aware was destroyed in the earthquake of 1923.

It is with deep regret that I have to record the decease of Mr. E. H. Finch of The Dornco Co. Ltd., who was at the time of his death a member of the Society's London Committee.

I now propose the adoption of the report and accounts and when this has been seconded I shall be glad to answer to the best of my ability any questions you may wish to ask.

Seconders' Speech.

Rising to second, Mr. W. A. Hannibal said:—
Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,—It is with very great pleasure that I rise to second the adoption of the report and accounts, and in doing so I feel there is really nothing I can say usefully which can either add to or detract from the remarks of our chairman. When one considers the difficult times through which we all have passed I think there is nothing but congratulation on the position in which we find

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BANK HOLIDAYS.

IN Accordance with Ordinance No. 5 of 1912, the EXCHANGE BANKS will be CLOSED for the transaction of PUBLIC BUSINESS on MONDAY, the 28th instant.

Hong Kong, 24th May, 1928.

HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE FIFTH EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (weather permitting) at Happy Valley on SATURDAY, 26th May and MONDAY, 28th May, 1928, commencing at 2.30 p.m. on both days.

The first bell will be rung at 2 p.m.

The charge for admission to the Public Enclosure will be \$1 per day for all persons including Ladies. Soldiers and Sailors in uniform half price.

Members are advised that they must show their Badges to obtain admission to the Members' Enclosure.

Each member has the right to introduce 2 non-members to the Members' Enclosure, tickets for whom can be obtained from Messrs. Linstead & Davis at \$5 each per day up to Friday, 25th May, 1928.

The charge for admission for Ladies to the Members' Enclosure will be \$2 per day.

Each member can obtain, upon application to the Secretary, Badges for admission of 2 Ladies free of charge.

Bookmakers, Tie Tac Men, etcetera, will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of the Hong Kong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

Hong Kong, 19th May, 1928.

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THE VOLUNTEERS.**ORDERS FOR THE COMING WEEK.****KING'S BIRTHDAY.**

The following orders have been issued by Lieut.-Colonel L. G. Bird, D.S.O., Commandant:—

Monday, June 4, 1928.—The Corps will take part in this parade at Happy Valley at 9 a.m. on Monday, June 4, 1928.

Fall in at Happy Valley, Football Ground at 8.10 a.m.

Two special trams will leave the East Bound Stopping place, foot of Garden Road at 7.45 a.m.

Dress: Review order, khaki helmet, khaki jackets, medals, shorts puttees, hosetops, belt and bayonet, rifle and sling.

Scottish Company will conform dressed in the kilt, as for G.O.C.'s Inspection, wearing helmets.

Mounted Infantry and Motor Cycle Section will be employed on special escort duty.

Practice Parade will be held at Volunteer Headquarters on Wednesday, May 30, 1928, at 6.45 p.m.

Nos. 1 and 2 Companies: The Battery, Engineer Company, Corps Signals, Armoured Car Section, Infantry Company and Reserve Company.

No. 3 Company: Scottish Company.

No. 4 Company: Portuguese Company.

Dress: mufti, drill order. All leather belts must be exchanged for web.

Store will be open from 5 p.m. on date for this purpose.

Officers for Colours:
Lieut. M. G. Noll
2/Lieut. H. R. Forsyth.

A beef steak and kidney pudding supper will be held on Wednesday evening, May 30, 1928, immediately after parade. Evening clothes will not be worn.

Tickets \$1.00 each which must be obtained through O. C. Units before 10 a.m. on Tuesday, May 29, 1928.

Arms will be drawn from Corps Headquarters in the following dates:—Monday, 25th and Tuesday, 26th May, 1928, between 9 a.m. and 12 noon, or 2 and 4 p.m. or 5 and 6 p.m.

Lecture.
Major W. F. Hanna, M.C. will deliver a lecture on the Kirkpatrick Reconnaissance Scheme at Volunteer Headquarters at 5.45 p.m. on Friday, June 8, 1928.

Correction.
Reference Corps Order No. 330 para. 3 dated May 18, 1928, delete the names of the three Officers mentioned. Captain E. J. R. Mitchell will perform the duties of Range Officer on Sunday, May 27, 1928.

Casuals.
Musketry Part I. will be fired at Storecutters on Sunday, May 27, 1928. All those who have not yet fired are requested to do so. This is the last opportunity for members to fire.

Range Officer: Captain E. J. R. Mitchell.

Launch will leave Murray Pier at 9 a.m. and call at Kowloon Pier at 9.10 a.m.

Dress: Uniform or mufti optional, but rifle, bayonet, pouches, braces and belt must be worn.

Arms will be drawn from Corps Headquarters to-day, between 9 a.m. and 12 noon, or 2 and 4 p.m. or 5 and 6 p.m. and on Saturday, May 26, between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

The Battery.
Lecture on Theory. This will be given at Corps Headquarters on Thursday at 6 p.m. This is a voluntary parade.

Mounted Infantry.
The Mounted Infantry will provide an escort for His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government on the parade to be held on June 4.

There will be the following practice parades:—

Tuesday, 29 and Thursday, May 31. One both occasions the parade will be at the Stables at 6.45 p.m. On May 29, plain clothes will be worn.

On May 31 uniform will be worn with bandollers but without belts.

Infantry Company.

Recruits will parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 29 under Sgt. V. C. Branson, M.C.

Dress: Mufti, belt and sidearms. Musketry Part I. All those who have not yet fired are reminded that the last opportunity is on Sunday, May 27 at Storecutters with Casuals.

King's Birthday Parade. The Company will parade as strong as possible at Volunteer Headquarters at 5.45 p.m. on Wednesday, May 30, 1928. Dress: Mufti, belt and sidearms.

Scottish Company.
King's Birthday Parade. The Company will parade at full strength in drill order (mufti) for practice parade on Wednesday, May 30, 1928, at 6.45 p.m. and also in Review Order (Helmets) at the Football Ground, Happy Valley at 8.10 a.m. on Monday, June 4, 1928.

Vickers Gun. Granted sufficient support is guaranteed a weekly class of instruction will commence shortly. Will those desiring to attend please send in their names to their Platoon Commanders.

Musketry Part I. Table "T." All ranks of the Company who are liable for firing of Part I. must do so on Sunday, June 17, at Tal-koo Range. Details later.

Portuguese Company.
Peak Range. The Peak Range has been allotted to the Portuguese Company on Sunday, May 27. All recruits will attend.

Musketry Part I. All ranks who have not yet fired Part I. this year are reminded that Sunday, May 27 is the last opportunity to do so, and should therefore make themselves acquainted as to the time the launch leaves Hong Kong and Kowloon.

Parade. The Company will parade as strong as possible at Corps Headquarters on Friday, May 25 at 5.30 p.m. Dress: Mufti, belt, sidearms and rifles.

King's Birthday Practice Parade. The Company is reminded that this Practice Parade will take place on Wednesday, May 30 vide Corps Order No. 1.

Corps Band.
All ranks will parade as strong as possible at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 29, 1928.

Promotions.
The following extract from the Hong Kong Government "Gazette" No. 22 dated May 18, 1928, is published for information:—

"His Excellency The Officer Administering the Government has been pleased to make the following promotions in the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps, with effect from May 15, 1928."

Captain Samuel Johnson Jordain, M.C., to be Major.

Lieut. Eric John Roderick Mitchell, to be Captain.

Promotion.
"His Excellency The Officer Administering the Government has been pleased to approve of the promotion of Lieutenant Alphonso McConn Thornhill to the rank of Captain in the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps, with effect from the May 17, 1928."

Lieutenant J. Norrie Owen is transferred from Armoured Car Company to the Infantry Company, as from May 18, 1928.

Strength.
The following recruits are taken on the strength and posted as under:—

No. 1318 Pte. E. V. M. B. Sousa, No. 9 Platoon, dated May 18, 1928.

No. 1319 Pte. E. H. P. White, No. 2 Platoon, dated May 22, 1928.

No. 1320 Pte. G. R. Razavet, No. 2 Platoon, dated May 22, 1928.

No. 1321 Pte. T. S. D. Whitley, No. 2 Platoon, dated May 22, 1928.

No. 1322 Pte. J. J. Hirst, No. 2 Platoon, dated May 22, 1928.

No. 1323 Pte. C. A. J. Ribeiro, No. 9 Platoon, dated May 22, 1928.

Leave.
The following are granted leave of absence from the Corps:—

No. 1074 Pte. A. T. Hunter, M.I. Company, from May 28, 1928 to May 25, 1929.

No. 132 C.S.M. D. J. Purves, Scottish Co. from June 1, 1928 to May 31, 1929.

OUR 1ST NEWSPAPER**NATHANIEL BUTLER'S
"WEEKLY NEWS."**

APPEARED IN 1822.

Arrangements are now well advanced for the Press Exhibition, which is to be held in Cologne from May to October. Its object will be to demonstrate the part played by the Press in world affairs, to trace its historical evolution, and to contrast the mentality which works behind the Press of different countries.

There will be a long central avenue in the 300,000 square metres of the exhibition grounds allotted to the stands of various Governments which have taken an official interest in it. Neither the British nor the United States will be officially represented, although certain non-official organisations have made preparations for a good showing on behalf of the British and American Press. Most of the European and the South American Governments will be represented. The German Government will act as host. The French Government has made a substantial monetary contribution to help their newspapers to be adequately represented, French journalism being more closely dependent upon the political machine than, say, British newspapers, which are a quite separate estate of the realm.

The committee that has been formed in France to make the arrangements includes Mr. Poincare and M. Briand, relates the "Observer."

The arrangements for the representation of the British Press are just nearing completion. The British pavilion, as again will cause no surprise, has been the slowest and most difficult to organise, for window-dressing is one of the least practised of British virtues.

Now, however, that Mr. Neven du Mont, the organiser of the British pavilion, has succeeded in making various leading newspapers and other bodies take the plunge, the British section promises to be one of the most interesting and impressive.

The "Observer" is included among those British newspapers which have now arranged for separate sections. There will be a historical section designed to indicate the phases through which the British Press has passed through three centuries.

Among the exhibits will be the "Henry VIII" Collection of Historic Newspapers, dating from 1526. What is now generally agreed to have been the first British newspaper was Nathaniel Butler's "Weekly News," which first appeared on August 2, 1822. The Sell Collection begins with a copy of the issue of March 2, 1826. The paper appeared at irregular intervals between 1822 and 1838, the intervals being of several weeks. On December 20, 1838, it issued what was probably the first illustrated newspaper, for it contained a picture of "a prodigious eruption of fire which exhaled in the midst of the ocean sea, over against the Isle of St. Michael." The first regular and systematic illustrated newspaper was the "Mercurius Civicus" (June, 1843). The first daily newspaper was the "Daily Courant" (1702). These and other interesting originals are in the Sell Collection.

Giving judgment, his lordship said it was no part of his duty to criticise a will of this character, but the testator had made it as difficult as possible for the trusts of his will to be reasonably carried out. The real question was whether the period of restriction could be given effect to in the circumstances. He had the gravest doubt as to the validity of the will, and if he could see his way to hold that the capital gift so restricted was invalid we would so hold, but there was no authority which enabled him to come to that decision.

In his judgment, the difficulty of tracing all Queen Victoria's descendants was not sufficient to make the gift bad. He hoped that somebody would take the case to a higher court, and that his decision would be reserved.

HONG KONG HOTEL VISITORS.

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FIRST CAR LICENCE.

"A1" is a motor car licence number in England which is not only a great distinction but also a cause of much inconvenience.

Theoretically, it was the first licence issued for a motor car. It was born January 4, 1904.

Its first parent was Earl Russell, who was chairman of the London County Council when registration of motor cars began. He kept it for three years, on a variety of cars, and then surrendered it. He said it made him too well known to the police, who doubted its authenticity.

For two years succeeding chairman of the London County Council received the A1 licence number, but in 1909 it lost its official character. In 1928 it passed into the hands of George Petty, of Great Portland-street, London, who for many years had been looking for it, and he is the present owner of it.

Mr. Petty finds the distinctive licence number not a little embarrassing at times. Policemen stop him and refuse for some minutes to believe that it is not a fake.

A few of the original cars for which some of the early licences were issued are still in use. Licence No. A83 was given a Panhard motor car which covered 200,000 miles without any mechanical trouble, according to its owner, and finally gave up its ghost during the world war as a delivery truck.

Maj. S. Kendal, owner of Licence A40, has been driving since 1900, and has never until this year been cited for a motor offence.

QUEEN VICTORIA.**120 DESCENDANTS LIVING IN 1922.****WILL CASE.**

His lordship was asked to decide the validity of a clause in the will of Mr. William James Villar, of Taunton, which created a trust to continue until the death of the last descendant of Queen Victoria.

Mr. Stamp, who appeared for the Public Trustee, contended that since the war the clause had become void by reason of uncertainty or difficulty of ascertainment. The descendants of Queen Victoria included members of the Russian Royal family, whose fate could not now be definitely ascertained, as well as members of the German Royal family, who might not be traceable because of their comparative obscurity.

His Lordship: I should think the German Royal family would be rather astonished if you told them that they were not well known. It seems extraordinary to suggest that Queen Victoria's descendants have become an unascertainable crowd.

Mr. Stamp remarked that some of the German princes who were well known during the war had since become "ordinary persons."

Sir Thomas Hughes, K.C., who represented the testator's married daughter, said that as the trust was to continue for twenty years after the death of the last descendant, the expectation of those entitled to the residue might be deferred until about the year 2028. The trouble and expense of ascertaining and proving that descendants were living or dead would be almost incalculable. In 1922 the living descendants of Queen Victoria numbered about 120, and they were scattered over a considerable part of the world.

His lordship remarked that the Russian revolution and the establishment of the German Republic were events which might have an enormous effect in the next fifty or eighty years.

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CALCUTTA via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.	
↑ MUKORAN MARU	Wednesday, 30th May.
↑ MORIOKA MARU	Sunday, 10th June.
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BOMBAY via Singapore and Colombo	
CELEBES MARU	Sunday, 3rd June.
INDUS MARU	Wednesday, 20th June.
DURBAN, DELAGOA BAY, BEIRA, DAR-ES-SALAAM, ZANZIBAR AND NOMBASA—Via Singapore and Colombo.	
CHICAGO MARU	Friday, 1st June.
CALCUTTA via Singapore, Penang and Rangoon.	
KASADO MARU	Friday, 25th May.
TACOMA MARU	Monday, 25th June.
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA & VANCOUVER—Via Shanghai and Japan ports.	
AFRICA MARU (From Shanghai)	Thursday, 31st May.
ARIZONA MARU	Monday, 11th June.
HAIPHONG—Via HOIHOW & PAKHOI.	
MENADO MARU	Friday, 8th June 10 a.m.
NEW YORK—Via Japan ports, San Francisco & Panama.	
JAPAN PORTS	
ATLAS MARU	Wednesday, 6th June.
KORUMU—Via SWATOW & AMOY.	
KISHU MARU	Sunday, 27th May Noon.
HOZAN MARU	Sunday, 3rd June Noon.
TAKAO—Via SWATOW & AMOY.	
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SHIPPING SECTION.

OIL AND COAL.

SIR E. H. T. DEYNICOURT'S VIEWS.

OIL-FUEL IN WARSHIPS.

In a letter to "The Times" on the state of the coal trade and on proposals to bring about an increased demand for coals for bunkering mercantile ships, Sir E. H. Tennyson d'Eyncourt, K.C.B., the Director of Naval Construction from 1912 to 1923, explains "the present position of the use of oil and coal as fuel for ships, and how that position has arisen."

"Sir John Biles, the well-known naval architect, clearly shows in his recently-read paper that the steam engine in its latest form, in conjunction with the most up-to-date form of water-tube boiler, is a more economic prime-mover than the Diesel or similar forms of internal combustion engines, as now fitted to ships. In fact, with coal at its present figure, the steam engine can compete with the Diesel engine, even if the oil fuel used in the Diesel is considerably cheaper than the present market figure. Now this fact—namely, that the steam engine is cheaper than the Diesel engine—is of the very first importance. It means that coal, in some form or other, can be used, and used to advantage, as the fuel for mercantile ships, rather than oil."

"There was an interesting discussion upon the paper read by Sir John, the participants including the Engineer-in-Chief of the Navy, and other great engineers, but none of them traversed the above-mentioned outstanding fact. A good deal was said as to the rival merits of burning coal in the ordinary manner, that is, hand-fed into the boiler furnace as in the new steamer "King George V," which has the latest high-pressure turbine machinery supplied by Sir Charles Parsons's Company; or of mechanical stoking, by which arrangement the coal is fed into the boiler furnaces of some of the latest vessels built for the Canadian Pacific Steamships; or thirdly, of the use of coal in the powdered or pulverised condition. The discussion on these points, however, did not affect the main issue, that coal could be used economically, rather than oil."

How Coal Was Superseded.
"It may well be asked how is it that coal, having been the fuel for bunkering from the very inception of steamships, has been given up to a great extent in favour of oil, whether the latter be burnt under a boiler or used in an internal combustion engine. This question certainly requires a studied reply. "At the beginning of the war steam coal, generally from South Wales, was the standard fuel of the Navy. Just before the war, however, the Government appointed a Commission, under the presidency of the late Lord Fisher, to report upon the use of fuel oil for the Navy. As a result of that Commission and its report, it became abundantly clear that the use of oil as fuel for warships presented such enormous advantages over coal that its adoption was strongly recommended; and when the necessary precautions against danger had been taken and arrangements for storage and transport had been made, the use of oil for all warships in the British Fleet became general."

Now the advantages of oil for warships, compared with coal, are much more outstanding than for merchant ships; especially is this the case in war-time. The refuelling in port can be done more easily and quickly than with coal; the

crew are not fatigued by the arduous task of getting the coal to the bunkers and trimming it; in fact, they have practically no work at all while refuelling with oil, and are, therefore, fresh and unfatigued when the ship puts to sea again ready for action. The number of stokers is reduced to a minimum with oil, and none is required for trimming purposes. The oil can also be stowed in almost any vacant space which can be made oiltight, and the space for larger coal bunkers easy of access is greatly reduced. Further, much larger boilers, giving steam for 10,000 h.p. each, and even more, can be used with oil, of such a size, in fact, that corresponding coal burning boilers could not be fired. All these considerations for ships using, perhaps, 100,000 h.p. or more when at full speed, made the use of oil for the Navy practically a necessity."

Oil For Atlantic Liners.
Knowing the advantages, the shipowner, when the war was over, found it convenient in high-powered ships, such as Atlantic liners, to adopt oil for burning under their boilers rather than coal; for, although the oil cost more, great saving was brought about by the reduction in the number of firemen required in looking after the boilers, and in coal trimming. By fuelling more quickly the vessel could be kept less time in port, and the period of useful employment correspondingly increased. Another consideration was that the supply of the best steam coal appeared to be more uncertain, owing to frequent strikes of miners. The very important consideration of the most economical type of machinery of ordinary mercantile trading ships was therefore somewhat obscured by the special circumstances attached to the fuelling of warships, and, to a somewhat less extent, of fast Atlantic liners."

"The owners of ordinary ships, however, were quick to see that, though it had certain advantages over coal, oil was three or four times more costly. They therefore sought for an engine which would use less oil per horse power produced. This they found in the Diesel engine, which burns only half the quantity of oil per horse power compared to the quantity required when the oil is burnt under a boiler for raising steam. For the time being many lost sight of the advantages of the steam engine compared to the internal combustion engine, when they found that it required more oil. They ignored the much higher cost of the Diesel, the greater difficulties in running that type of machinery, and the higher cost of maintenance. There are, however, a large number of owners who, with perhaps greater prudence, still adhere to the steam engine and the use of coal."

"Sir John Biles has shown in his admirable papers that by adopting high-pressure turbines a further economy can be effected, and coal can be retained as the most economic fuel for sea-going ships. There is, it is thought, less risk of a breakdown by using the well-tried turbine and suitable water-tube boilers than by adopting the internal-combustion engine, with its economy in the actual amount of oil burnt in the engine, but with its increased cost in most other directions. In fact, by rejecting the turbine with water-tube boilers and adopting the Diesel engine, the owner is straining at the gnat and swallowing the camel."

"Let everything possible, therefore, be done to retain the steam engine in such ships as it suits, with the possibility of burning coal in some form. This will help the shipowner, and improve the condition of one of our staple industries by increasing the use of coal, thus reducing unemployment in Great Britain and adding to our export trade. Much will be gained when it is again shown that British-built ships and engines using British fuel are the most economical and the best."

STOWAWAYS.

REACH HONG KONG INSTEAD OF AMERICA.

Before Mr. Schofield, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, two Filipino lads, were charged as stowaways on s.s. "West Momentum," and fined \$80 or 3 weeks' imprisonment.

According to Sergeant Moreton, of the Water Police, the vessel in question left Manila for this port last Monday and on the following day both lads revealed their hiding places in the cargo hold, and were brought before the captain. They were given work to do and behaved well.

On arrival in the Colony, defendants were handed over to the Police. Apparently it was their intention to go to America, not knowing that the vessel was calling at Hong Kong.

SCRAP OLD SHIPS.

MR. J. T. BATEY'S SUGGESTION TO SHIPOWNERS.

DIESEL DEVELOPMENTS.

Newcastle-on-Tyne.—Sir William Raeburn, president of the Clyde Navigation Trust, was the chief guest at dinner of the North of England Steam Ship Owners Association at Newcastle. Sir Walter Runciman presided over a large attendance.

Mr. John T. Batey, president of the Shipbuilding Employers' Federation, proposed the toast of the shipping industry, and said finally had not been reached in the Diesel engine, but an engine had been produced which would compete with any nation in the world. Oil had come to stay, but coal was not done yet, and there were still developments by which coal could be used in more economical form. He suggested that instead of selling old ships to foreign owners, owners should scrap their old ships and build new ones.

Mr. Batey commended any movement to bring about peace in industry, and urged that wages in sheltered industries should be brought nearer to the wages paid in the skilled industries. Sir William Raeburn said he believed there was improvement in trade in general. Though shipping was in a bad way, in due time, however, it would get the benefit. What they were suffering from at the moment was a plethora of tonnage. They had never been able to evolve a feasible scheme for laying-up of tonnage. He was afraid that now the liner was heading out the tramp steamer. He had dread of combines, whether in shipping or anything else, but he believed we were going again to be the carrying nation of the world.

MOVEMENT OF STEAMERS.

The Swedish East Asiatic Co. M.V. "Rankine" left Hamburg on April 14 and is due here to-day.

The C.P.S., R.M.S. "Empress of Russia" from Hong Kong on May 9, left Yokohama on Friday, and is due at Vancouver on May 27.

The C.P.S., R.M.S. "Empress of Asia" (Capt. A. J. Halsey, R.N.R.) is due here on May 28 at 8 a.m., and will berth at Pier No. 6, Kowloon Wharf. She will leave here for Victoria and Vancouver, B.C. via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe and Yokohama on May 30 at noon.

The C.P.S., R.M.S. "Empress of Canada" left Vancouver for Hong Kong, via Japan ports and Shanghai, on May 17, and is due here on June 4.

The M/V "Agra" (Swedish East Asiatic Co., Ltd.), left Antwerp on May 7, and is due here on or about June 18.

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HISTORICAL AFFAIR.

The "Royal Oak" affair has
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more into the limelight and the
association of the navy with
flamboyant English is receiving
its full share of attention. The
sea has always had an inspiring
effect on language, but one of the
unsolved mysteries of naval history
is to know in what terms
that little group of sea officers,
who used to meet each Sunday
evening at Wills' Coffee-house in
London nearly two centuries ago
received the news that henceforth
their uniform would take its co-
lour from the dress of a noble lady
who went riding in the Park.

Before 1748 there had been no
standard uniform for the naval
service. A ship's crew was usually
dressed in colours dictated by the
captain. But in that year this
group of officers who met to
watch over the rights and privi-
leges of the service decided at
one of their Sunday meetings
that "a uniform dress was useful
and necessary for the navy,
agreeable to the practice of other
nations." And in true British
fashion they formed a committee
which duly waited on the Duke
of Bedford and the Admiralty so
that the matter could be laid be-
fore King George II, narrates the
"Manchester Guardian."

Why the Navy Went Blue.
Before long "Mr. Forbes, then
an Admiral of the Fleet," was
summoned to attend at the Ad-
miralty, and was shown a large
assortment of fancy dresses from
which to choose a naval uniform.
But when, no doubt after careful
inspection, the worthy Admiral
had chosen a smart outfit in red
and blue as being appropriate to
our national colours, he was in-
formed that his was merely a
courtesy inspection. The King
had already made up his mind.
Said the Duke of Bedford to the
astonished Admiral, "Having seen
my Duchess riding in the Park a
few days ago in a habit of blue,
faced with white, the dress took
the fancy of His Majesty, who has
appointed it for the uniform of
the Royal Navy." Hence the fact
that my lady's dressmaker was the
real creator of the present
garb of the King's navy. Hence,
also, the term "bluejacket." But
what did that little group of sea
officers say at their next pleasant
Sunday evening when the Admiral
reported on the result of his com-
mission?

Mr. A. W. H. Edie, of Messrs.
Mackinnon, Mackenzie & Co., ap-
peared before Lieut.-Col. F. Eaves,
D.S.O., at the Central Magistracy
this morning in connection with
his absence from Court earlier in
the week, when summoned to serve
as a juror in an inquest.

Asked by his Worship why he did
not turn up, Mr. Edie said that he
worked in a shipping company,
and on that particular day a ship
had come in, and he was so
occupied that he forgot about the
matter until half-an-hour after the
time for which he had been sum-
moned. He had then immediately
proceeded to the Magistracy and
expressed his regret for his ab-
sence.

In imposing a fine of \$10, the
Magistrate said that a juror must
attend when summoned.

PEST TO MOTORISTS.

PRISON FOR A "PROFES-

SIONAL WITNESS."

Hyman Salkovitch, or McGregor
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was the first case in that court of
a new type of pest in motor-car
cases who could be described as a
professional witness. The charge
had been reduced from one of
blackmail.

The prosecutor, he said, was a
"Mr. X" who when driving in a
motor-car with a woman who was
not his wife had a collision. Salko-
vitch afterwards saw Mr. "X" and
offered to get three witnesses on
his behalf for \$5. Then the man
went to Mr. "X's" solicitor and
made a statement in which he
made no mention of the girl and
contradicted what he had said to
the police.

Mr. Neville Laski, defending,
said that if Mr. "X" had not been
such a colossal idiot as to give
Salkovitch \$5, the man would not
have known that there was money
to be obtained.

The Stipendiary, Mr. J. Wellesley
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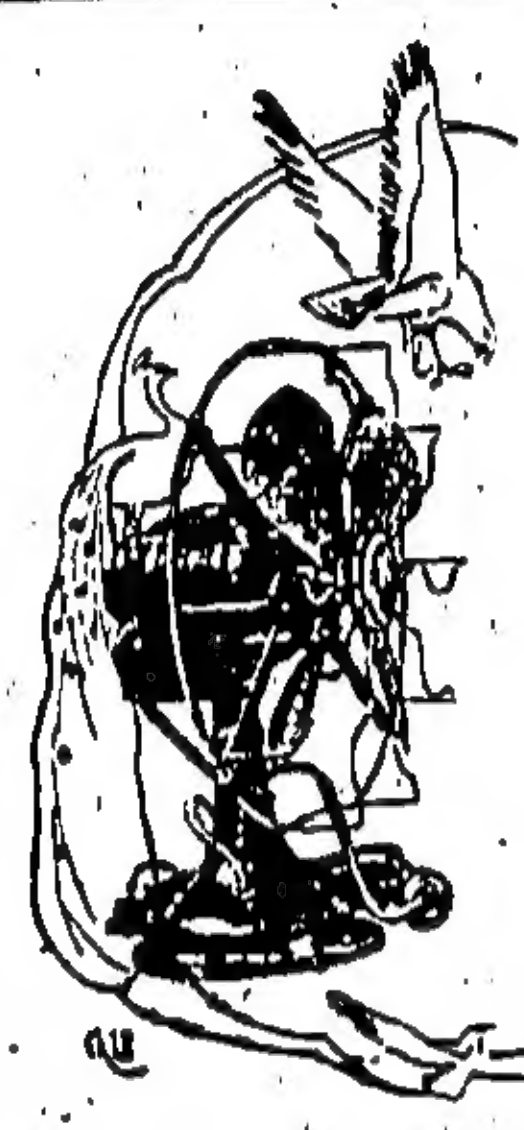
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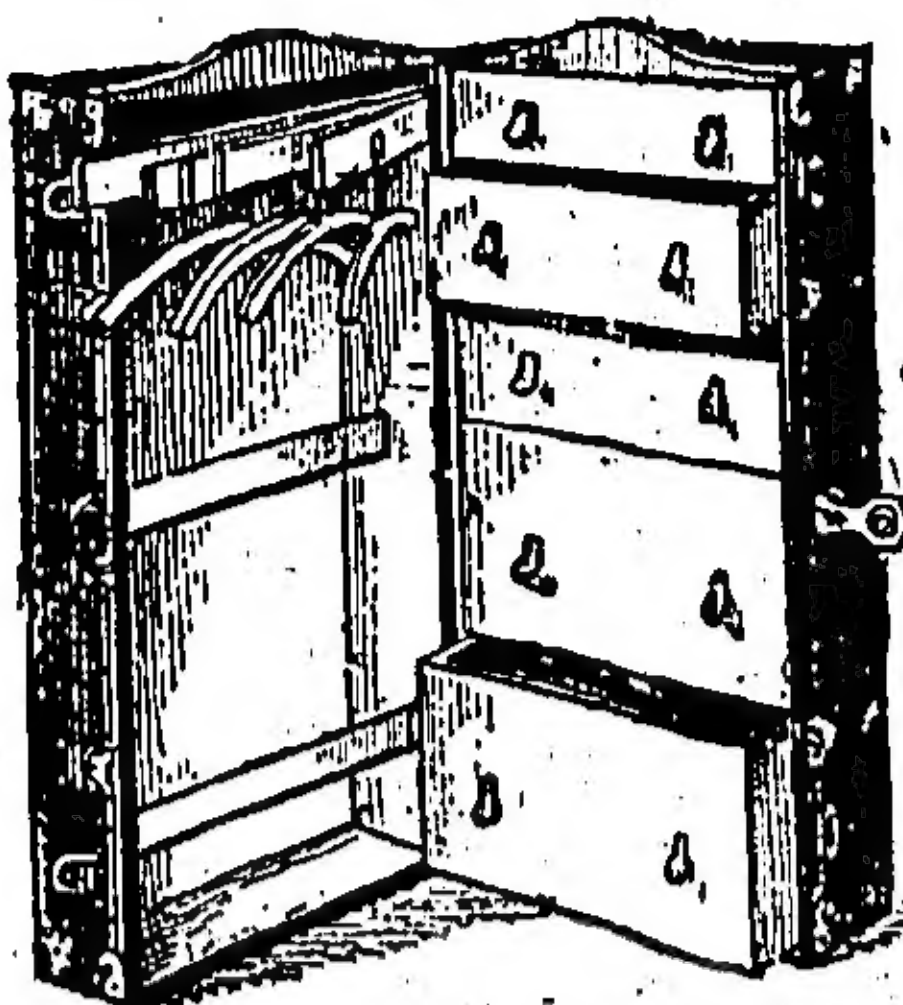
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THE NATIONALIST PARTY.

Accepting facts as they are, it has to be admitted that the Nationalist Party of China is not much nearer accomplishing the objects set down by the founder, the late Dr. Sun Yat-sen. Far be it from our intention to dishearten the millions of supporters of the Kuomintang in the hour of travail. Following the policy of impartiality which we have tried our best to maintain, we consider it our duty to analyse the position now that world-wide attention has again been drawn to the movement. First of all, we are unfavourably impressed by the signs of discord in this time of crisis. General Hwang Fu, the Foreign Minister, has resigned because what influence he was supposed to have had with Japanese politicians has been found wanting. His disappearance from public affairs at this juncture is construed as evidence of rival factions being at work when everybody is supposed to be uniting to show a common front to Japan. As commander-in-chief of the allied Nationalist armies, Chiang Kai-shek has been singularly reticent. We recall occasions of much less gravity when he has delivered long orations which gave some indication of what the Nationalists would do. Perhaps there is nothing useful that he can say; but silence at the moment has not done the Nationalist Government any good. Even in Hong Kong, there has been at least one instance of public denunciation of him. And when it was at first erroneously reported that he had accepted Japan's demands in full,

some of his most enthusiastic partisans lost faith in him.

What effect Japan's action in Shantung will have on the Nationalist movement remains to be seen. It can be said that the despatch of armed forces to Shantung was a foregone conclusion—the clash with the Southern troops less so. In the realm of practical politics, the result has been a check for the Nationalist Army and loss of "face" for the Nationalist Government at Nanking. On the other hand, it can be argued that the Tainan incident has not materially hindered the northern expedition. But it has to be admitted that while Chiang Kai-shek's Nationalist column led the way hitherto, it is now left to the Kuomintang column and the army for Shansi province to fight in the van. Assuming for a moment that the Southerners take Peking in a few days, Chiang Kai-shek will then, of course, be able to go to Peking—as a guest of either the "Christian General" or General Yen Hsi-shan, both of whom are Northerners in one sense of the term, but not as China's soldier-statesman of the hour.

Carrying the assumption further, we are interested to know whether the Nationalist Government will be removed from Nanking to Peking. If not—because Dr. Sun Yat-sen did decree Nanking to be the capital—will the "Christian General"—leaving Yen Hsi-shan out of present calculations—acquiesce? Aspects of a race to get to Peking first were seen last year before the drive fizzled out. The desire to crush a mutual foe has removed that element. Still, the "Christian General" has done little to show that his personal interest has been entirely submerged. We think of him as a Nationalist by accident rather than by design. Hwang Fu's resignation may mean more influence for him in Nanking, through the succession of Dr. C. T. Wang. Hwang Fu was not liked by the Cantonese faction, which may have something to say, however. The Cantonese Generals in Hankow ask Nanking for instructions as to the punishment of General Cheng Chien, the "hero" of Nanking in March, 1927. Will they obey if Nanking ordered Cheng Chien's liberation? We think not. The Cantonese have carved out a powerful sphere of influence in the south. Circumstances may make it easy for the "Christian General" to do the same in the north. It is just such practical,

block at the moment. If selfish motives had not been at work, there might have been no clash with the Japanese at Tainan and no hindrance in the campaign of uniting China by force.

Heroism at Sea.

The thrilling story that reaches us from Singapore (and which we reproduced in yesterday's issue) to the effect that H.M.S. "Herald," (a survey ship well-known in Hong Kong) is but another of those heroic incidents of the sea that causes all who read them to be proud of those splendid manifestations of courage and humanity that so frequently illumine the dreary life that is spent on the vast expanse of the ocean. Too often such incidents are performed and speedily forgotten, not infrequently because those performing them are much too reluctant to have their high courage applauded. Of all men, sailors are among the most silent in sounding their own praises and, such being the case, it is expedient that journalists (being perhaps naturally more garrulous) should not be content with merely reporting the bare facts of the incident. The story to which we are referring is that in which H.M.S. "Herald," sighting a small Japanese fishing vessel all but wrecked and far from shore, saved the crew and the vessel, towing her 300 miles to safety. Such an incident is but one of the many that makes the mariner's profession frequently one that calls for noble heroism and for a display of true humanity. To effect such rescues on the perilous and treacherous high seas indicates the finest of qualities together with seamanship of the best. That the officers and crew of H.M.S. "Herald" manifested such qualities is certain and that they did so causes their countrymen to be more than ever proud of the splendid men that comprise the British Navy and of the noble traditions that are and have always been associated with that great Service.

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SMOKING. SHORTS. DOGS.

(To the Editor of the "China Mail.")

Sir,—Numerous daily users of the Peak Tram object to the Tram Company disregard of Bye Laws 7 and 13 regarding smoking in the cars and the admittance to the Tram Cars of passengers dressed in objectionable manner and they fail to understand why the authorities responsible have not long ago made the Peak Tram Co. amenable to justice for non-adherence to their Bye-Laws. I strongly disapprove of smoking in the cars (especially the vulgar pipe) and propose that men suppress their inclination to this filthy habit during the 7 minutes the journey lasts. (Even females have occasionally been seen smoking in the cars but such behaviour in public of course tells its own story.)

I also strongly disapprove of "shorts" being worn in the Peak Tram cars. Passengers clad in such indecent garments ought absolutely to be referred to the coolie seats at the back of the cars. Nothing is more revolting to a lady's sense of decency than being seated next to one of these half naked men with their hairy bony ugly knees exposed. The wearing of shorts is nothing but an outcrop of perversity and is a sickly desire to expose naked parts of the body to the public eye just as are Ladies' too short skirts and too short sleeves. If men only knew how ugly and ridiculous they look in this unmanly attire they would promptly restore themselves to sanity and again dress decently as do people in other parts of the world and try to look like gentlemen. It is really significant for the moral standard of the women in this Colony that they ever permitted grown up men to dress like school boys and thus make a caricature of themselves.

I further object to dogs being allowed to the seats in the cars a nuisance which apparently does not attract the attention of the controllers.

Finally may I ask why is it tolerated that the Chinese controller dares to rush the passengers and address them with "hurry up." If the Tram Company would take care that the cars keep their time there would be no necessity for hurrying up.

Yours faithfully

Hong Kong, May 25, 1928.

KING'S BIRTHDAY.

CELEBRATIONS AT HAPPY VALLEY.

THE PARADE.

The following will be the arrangements for the celebration of His Majesty The King's Birthday on June 4, 1928, at a parade which will be held at Happy Valley at 9 a.m.

9 a.m. His Excellency the General Officer Commanding arrives and inspects the Parade.

9.15 a.m. His Excellency the Officer Administering The Government will be escorted on to the Parade ground and will be received with a Royal Salute.

His Excellency The Officer Administering The Government will then present a number of Long Service & Good Conduct Medals.

A Royal Salute and "Fou-de-jole" will then be fired.

The Troops will then give three cheers for His Majesty The King.

The Royal Air Force will then "Fly Past."

The Parade will then "March Past."

It is hoped that a contingent of the Royal Navy will participate.

In the event of the weather being fine, and the state of the ground being unsuitable, a Ceremonial March in four parts the Cenotaph will take place on the above date at 9 a.m.

THE QUEEN'S REGT.

MEMORIAL PLAQUE TO BE UNVEILED.

CATHEDRAL ON SUNDAY.

In St. John's Cathedral on Sunday, a memorial plaque will be unveiled to officer and men of the 1st Battalion, the Queen's Royal Regiment, who lost their lives in China in 1860. That was one of the early years of the Taiping Rebellion against the Manchurian Emperor. All three colours of the Battalion were deposited in Hong Kong for safe custody, the battalion having come out on service, prior to taking part in operations in North China.

In addition to casualties, the Battalion lost two officers and 25 other ranks through sickness.

Men on Parade.

This memorial plaque has been designed locally, by Messrs. Brown, Jones & Co.

The Very Rev. A. Swann (the Dean), the Rev. S. Llewellyn Webb (Senior Chaplain to the Forces) and the Rev. H. V. Koop will take part in the special service on Sunday, the form of which has been printed for the occasion.

Four hundred and fifty officers and men of the 1st Batt. Queen's Regiment, now in the South China Command, will be on parade and the battalion band will also be on duty. There will also be a detachment of a hundred and twenty from the 2nd Batt. King's Own Scottish Borderers.

To Perform the Ceremony.

Lt.-Col. F. Hayley Bell, D.S.O., Commissioner for Kowloon district of the Chinese Maritime Customs, will perform the unveiling ceremony. He is closely connected with Cathedral activities and he commanded the 10th (service) battalion of the Queen's Regiment from August, 1917 in France, Italy and Flanders till the end of the War and then also with the Army of Occupation at Cologne. Colonel Hayley Bell is eminently fitted to perform the ceremony not only because of his ties with St. John's and the Regiment, but also because of his great knowledge of places in China where the 1st Battalion served sixty-eight years ago.

BANISHEE'S RETURN.

REMAINS ONLY A FEW MONTHS FROM COLONY.

HARD LABOUR AND BIRCH.

After serving a term of 12 months' hard labour in 1926 for stealing a Chinese was banished from the Colony for ten years on February 10, 1927. He returned before his banishment term had expired, and was charged before Lieut.-Col. F. Eaves, D.S.O., at the Central Magistracy this morning. His Worship passed sentence of nine months' hard labour and 20 strokes of the birch.

For the unlawful possession, on the waterfront, of six tins of prepared non-Government opium, which was tied round his waist, a Chinese was this morning fined \$500 by Lieut.-Col. F. Eaves, D.S.O., or, in default six months' imprisonment.

MR. E. B. CUBEY.

TAIKOO MAN GOING HOME.

HEALTH REASONS.

An interesting ceremony took place in the general office of the Taikoo Dockyard and Engineering Company of Hong Kong Ltd. on the evening of the 23rd instant, when the members of the European staff assembled to say farewell to Mr. E. B. Cubeby, who is leaving the Colony to return to England owing to health reasons.

Mr. K. E. Greig, Manager of the Dockyard, occupied the chair, and was supported by Mr. R. McGregor, Local Secretary, and all the members of the Staff. Mr. Greig, in the course of his remarks, referred to Mr. Cubeby's long and capable service with the Dockyard of over 20 years, and on behalf of the staff asked him to accept, as a token of their esteem and respect, a silver spirit kettle and a canteen of cutlery suitably inscribed; and trusted that when he reached home the stimulating air of his native county would considerably improve his state of health and that he would be able to carry on for a considerable number of years to come (applause).

Mr. Cubeby, in thanking the staff for their presentation, said he was sorry that under the circumstances he had to sever his connection with the Company and friends with whom he had been so long associated. He regretted that Mrs. Cubeby and family were at home and would not have the opportunity of saying farewell to their many Hong Kong friends.

Mr. Cubeby sails for home per the s.s. "Malwa" on Saturday next.

FOR THE M.C.L.

CHILDREN'S ENTERTAINMENT AT CRAIG RYRIE.

By the courtesy of Mrs. C. Gordon Mackie, "Craig Ryrie" was the scene, on Wednesday afternoon, of a much enjoyed children's entertainment in aid of the Ministering Children's League.

Those who attended the entertainment included Mrs. Southern (Patroness), Mrs. Creasy (President), Mrs. Pearson, the Hon. Mr. and Mrs. E. D. C. Wolfe, Mrs. Owen Hughes and Col. and Mrs. McLaren.

The fine way in which the entertainment was presented reflected much credit on Miss Leonard, who was responsible for its organisation. Thanks are also due to Mrs. Hilliard for her able assistance.

The song "Fairings" opened the programme. It was very prettily sung by K. Wolfe, A. Newhouse and M. Todd. Miss H. Hancock followed with the recitation "The Proud Pig," which greatly pleased.

The Misses Esme and Bridget Hilliard were much appreciated in their charming contributions, whilst Miss K. Wolfe performed the Highland Fling very creditably. M. Prossor was also applauded for a fine item entitled "Happiness."

The second half of the programme was taken up by a Fairy play, "Shock-Headed Peter," which the young members of the case presented with admirable skill and enthusiasm.

The characters in the play were:

Shock-Headed Peter, H. Hancock; Harriett, E. Hilliard; Johnny, B. Prossor, King Oberon, A. Newhouse, Queen Titania, M. Todd, Puck, K. Wolfe, Fairies, P. Todd, B. Hilliard, M. Wallace, and J. Newhouse; Elves, D. Sandes, D. Wallace, M. Prossor, and M. Sandes.

The sum of \$65 was collected for the good cause by the efforts of the little folks.

Wednesday's performance was a repetition of that given some time ago at Mr. C. L. Sandes' house, when \$50 was raised for the M.C.L.

TEASERS.

Answer The "China Mail" Questions.
TO-DAY'S POSERS.

From day to day a series of half a dozen questions, not tremendously difficult to answer but not always so simply solved as may be thought, appear on this page. Answers are given on page nine.

1. Who was the first man to demonstrate the theory of the rainbow?
2. What countries furnish the main supplies of agar?
3. And what is the name of that species obtained in Scotland?
4. What is an Agony Column?
5. How much did the Albert Memorial cost to erect?
6. And who designed it?

THE "CHEER O"

New Quarters Formally
Opened.

REPRESENTATIVE GATHERING.

Announcement of Imposing Military
Pageant for Next Autumn.

In the presence of a large and representative gathering yesterday, His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government, the Hon. Mr. W. T. Southern, C.M.G., performed the ceremony of declaring open the new "Cheer O" Y.M.C.A. at the City Hall.

Mr. W. L. Pattenden, who presided, made the first announcement of an ambitious scheme to hold a Military Tattoo in Hong Kong during the autumn. The pageant, it was stated, would be similar to that held at Wembley about two years ago, although it would necessarily have to be on a smaller scale.

In addition to the Naval and Military units which will take part in the Tattoo, the various local national societies as well as the Amateur Dramatic and Philharmonic Societies will assist to make the Tattoo the outstanding event of the year.

Mr. Pattenden addressed the gathering as follows:—

I want to touch very briefly on this matter of finance. Our funds consist almost entirely of donations made us last year in response to the appeal I have already referred to, and are kept in a separate banking account, quite distinct, of course, from the general funds of the Y.M.C.A. Our income is so small that we are not in a position to put this fund aside to form even the nucleus of an Endowment Fund as we should like, but have to use it to meet current expenses. When we have paid for the cost of adapting these to our needs our exchequer will be sadly depleted and the Committee have been much concerned about ways and means for carrying on the work of the Naval and Military Branch of the Association, experience having taught us even with rigid economy the impracticability of making the institution self-supporting.

A Solution.

A scheme has recently been promulgated which we hope may, to some extent, if not completely solve this financial problem. This scheme is to co-operate with the Naval and Military Authorities in organising a Grand Tattoo at Happy Valley some time during the autumn, on similar lines, but of course, on a much smaller scale considering the means at the Colony's disposal, to the Grand Tattoo held at Wembley a couple of years ago. I am not in a position at present to give you details but the primary object is to benefit the funds of the Naval and Military Y.M.C.A. and also Service charities.

The Tattoo.

If the contemplated programme can be carried out, and the Naval and Military experts see no reason why it should not, it will be one of the outstanding events of the year in the life of this place. In addition to the Naval and Military units who will participate, it is hoped that various societies, such as St. Andrew's Society, St. George's Society, St. David's Society, The Amateur Dramatic Society, and Philharmonic Society, will give their services.

It seems to me that such a scheme as this should serve a threefold purpose. Provided that the weather conditions are favourable not only will it help considerably in deserving Naval and Military charities, also relieving the Naval and Military Y.M.C.A. of financial responsibility for sometime to come. It should help to create interest in local movements and, furthermore, in the preparations and the training that will be necessary before the scheme can be brought into effect; it should provide relief from routine to men of the various branches of the Services during the trying summer months when there is so little to do.

Public Pronouncement.

All this is somewhat vague, I know, but a public pronouncement will be made shortly, when much more detailed information than I am in a position to give you will be available. All that I ask is that when this pronouncement is made you give it your hearty support.

Referring to the opening of the new premises Mr. Pattenden said:—On behalf of the Committee of the Naval and Military Y.M.C.A., I wish to express our deep appreciation of the honour conferred on us by your Excellency in coming this afternoon to open our new quarters, and, also, you ladies and gentlemen, for your presence. It will not, I think, be inappropriate on such an occasion as this to give a short resume of the history of the Naval and Military Branch of the Y.M.C.A. in Hong Kong.

Early last year when the news came through that the number of troops in the Colony would before very long be largely augmented, it was realised that in ordinary circumstances the Association building in Hong Kong is often com-

pletely filled, it would be totally inadequate to cope with the large influx of men expected, and the question of how to deal with the situation was already under consideration when a telegram was received from Sir Arthur Yapp, head of the Y.M.C.A. in London, with an urgent request from Major-General Duncan, G.O.C., the Shanghai Defence Force, for the Y.M.C.A. to co-operate and provide for the troops coming to China.

The energetic secretary of the Y.M.C.A., Mr. J. H. Hunt, summoned a meeting of his Directors and a special committee was appointed to deal with the situation. This committee, which formed the nucleus of the present Naval and Military Y.M.C.A. issued appeals to the Press, and by post, for personal service and funds, which met with a ready response and, owing to the enthusiastic support of the many voluntary workers who came forward, two centres—one in Peking-road, Kowloon, known as "Better Ole," and the other in the premises we have just vacated in Chater-road, known as "Cheer O," were quickly prepared with facilities for reading, refreshments and entertainments.

"Better Ole," "Cheer O."

The Kowloon Branch "Better Ole" was opened on March 13 and the Chater-road branch "Cheer O," on this side of the water, on the following day, March 14. Both these premises were loaned to us free of rent by the Hong Kong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., and the Hong Kong Land Investment Co., respectively, and I wish to take this opportunity of expressing our great appreciation to these two Companies for their generous and public-spirited action in letting us have these premises free of all charge.

During the past year regular entertainments were provided for the Service men in these Y.M.C.A. Centres and other places by a sub-committee under the able chairmanship of Mr. Robert Sutherland. We are indeed grateful to Mr. Sutherland and his sub-committee for arranging the various entertainments, and also to all those who so generously gave their services.

When, last autumn, the disposition of the troops was altered—a large number of them having returned to England—the necessity for so large a place as the Peking-road quarters no longer existed and on October 17 the "Better Ole" was closed down and the work transferred to the Association Building in Salisbury-road as formerly.

City Hall Lease.

We are in rather a different position on this side of the water where we have a Regiment permanently stationed in addition to various units, furthermore, owing to the proximity of the Naval Yard we also have to provide for the Naval side to a larger extent than is necessary at Kowloon.

Grateful as we are to the Hong Kong Land Investment Co. for the late Chater-road premises, we have felt that as the work on this side of the harbour is of a more permanent nature it was necessary for us to look about for other quarters, where we should have more security of tenure, it being realised that with an improvement in trade, we should sooner or later be required to vacate our late quarters.

The City Committee very kindly came to the rescue by granting us a lease for two years at a nominal rental of those quarters that you, Sir, are now opening for us. I should like to add that we are greatly indebted to Mr. Bernard, Chairman of the City Hall Committee, for the help and interest he has shown in the matter of securing these quarters for us. It was largely through Mr. Bernard's interest, who was also Chairman of the Land Investment Co., that we were able to obtain our quarters in Chater-road.

Present Quarters.

Our present quarters comprise the room in which we are now assembled, which will be used for concerts, lectures etc. and is provided with a buffet, where light refreshments are served. Adjoining we have a library, reading and writing room, while downstairs there is a grill or dining room where meals of a more substantial nature than those served in this room can be obtained. All the food both upstairs and downstairs is supplied by Messrs. Lane Crawford. The premises are open from 2 p.m. till 10 p.m. We have various forms of entertainments in the evenings. There is nearly always something on, a concert, sing-song, dance or whist drive. I wish we could enlarge our sphere and include a billiard room, but, as you will see, our accommodation is somewhat limited.

The work of the Association is under the direction of a committee of eight including four members of the Board of Directors of the European Y.M.C.A. There is also a Ladies' Committee which I wish to make special reference to. Lady Clementi, who has been so closely associated with the work of the Naval and Military Y.M.C.A. from the start, and has taken such a keen interest in everything connected with it, was the first Chairman of

the Ladies' Committee. Although Lady Clementi is not with us in person to-day I am sure she is with us in spirit.

The Ladies' Committee.

The Ladies' Committee is now under the able chairmanship of Mrs. Wolfe, and with Mrs. Alabaster who looks after the library, necessitating her presence in the building nearly every day, and other indefatigable workers, the Ladies' Committee does yeoman service, but for them and their energetic band of helpers the Naval and Military Y.M.C.A. would not have been the success it is. I knew from personal contact with men of the Service—and I have friends in all three branches—how much the presence and work of the ladies has been appreciated. We owe a deep debt of gratitude to these ladies.

I may add that the Ladies' Committee have been responsible for much of the furnishing of these premises, besides the supply of books and magazines, etc., also for the flowers of which we are kept regularly supplied, without calling in any way on our general funds.

We are also grateful for the devoted services of the Association secretaries, Mr. A. W. Ingram and Mr. W. T. Gresham. The services of these gentlemen are loaned to us free of all expense by the Y.M.C.A. in Hong Kong and Shanghai.

I wish to stress the fact that the work of the Naval and Military Y.M.C.A. was entirely made possible by the hearty response of the Colony to our call for financial assistance last year.

Mr. Pattenden, Ladies and Gentlemen—The Chairman of the Committee of the Naval and Military Branch of the Y.M.C.A. has given us so able a summary of the events which have led up to the opening of these premises that little is left for me to do beyond formally declaring them open.

Before I do so, however, I should like to say how much the Government appreciates the self-sacrificing energy and enthusiasm which have been displayed by the band of workers to whom the services are indebted for the arrangements which have now developed into this present scheme. It was one thing to receive a request for help; it was quite another thing to provide that help promptly and efficiently. The response of the Committee—indeed, as you know, it had not even waited for the call—was immediate and effective, and as the representative of the Government which watches over the general welfare of the community, I tender my heartfelt thanks to those ladies and gentlemen who have so effectively augmented the amenities available for the use of H.M. Forces. Nor have their energies flagged after the first excitement of the arrival of the additional troops died down.

The Good Work.

As Mr. Pattenden has pointed out we have on this side of the harbour a permanent garrison of Naval and Military Forces, and it was very properly felt that the good work once commenced should be continued for their benefit in more permanent quarters. Mr. Pattenden has referred to the good work of certain individual helpers. I desire to associate myself with his eulogy of their good work, and at the risk of repetition would like to remind you of the very great share taken by Lady Clementi, not only in furthering the work of the Naval and Military Branch of the Y.M.C.A. generally, but especially in helping to secure these excellent premises as a more or less permanent home, through the generosity and willing co-operation of the Chairman and Committee of the City Hall. Mr. D. O. Russell and Mr. J. R. Wood also took a large share in the negotiations and Mr. Pattenden with characteristic modesty has omitted all reference to his own very considerable contribution to the success of the scheme.

Funds.

Mr. Pattenden has reminded us that institutions of this kind cannot be carried on without funds, and I take this opportunity of endorsing his appeal that when the time comes you will give every possible support to the Committee's scheme for raising money for the Institute.

I now have much pleasure in declaring the new premises of the Naval and Military Y.M.C.A. open, and that pleasure is enhanced by the fact that to-day is Empire Day, when which there could be no more fitting and auspicious occasion for this opening ceremony. H.M. Forces will find here good company, good food and good literature, and I trust that this new home of the Naval and Military Y.M.C.A. will radiate even greater comfort and happiness than did its predecessor in Chater-road.

Refreshments were served following the ceremony, after which the gathering, which included many Servicemen were treated to a most enjoyable and well sustained programme of musical items, provided by the Musical Society and the Woods, Mrs. L. C. F. Bellamy, and Mr. F. Mason who was the accompanist.

THE CHINESE PRESS.

CASE BROUGHT UNDER THE
EMERGENCY ORDINANCE.

AT THE MAGISTRACY.

Two Chinese defendants, answering respectively as the publisher and printer of the Hong Kong "Sun Po," a Chinese morning newspaper, appeared before Lieut.-Col. F. Eaves, D.S.O., at the Central Magistracy this morning to answer four summonses each with regard to the publishing of certain matters in the issues of May 9 and 10, 1928.

Separate summonses were taken out by the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs with regard to each of the two dates on which the matters complained of were published.

Two counts were enumerated in the summonses, the wordings of which were similar, with the exception that the dates were altered to cover the two separate sets of matters published.

The two counts were (1) unlawfully publishing a newspaper calculated or intended to persuade or induce certain persons to refrain from dealing with or trading with persons in the course of legitimate occupation or employment, contrary to regulations made under the Emergency Ordinance of 1922; and (2) printing a newspaper containing matters in the Chinese language, other than bona fide trade advertisements, which had not been submitted to and passed by the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs, contrary to the same Ordinance.

Mr. S. Fitzroy, assistant Attorney General, appeared for the S.C.A., whilst the defendant were represented by Mr. M.K. Lo.

Mr. E. H. Williams, second assistant at the S.C.A., was also present in Court.

Censor III.

Mr. Fitzroy said that with regard to these summonses, he had just been informed that the man who was responsible for censoring the two papers in question was ill that morning, and would not be available until next Monday. He would therefore apply for an adjournment, as the presence of this man was essential.

The man would say that when the various sections of the papers concerned were submitted to him to be censored, the objectionable matters were not included in them.

Asked if he had any objection to an adjournment, Mr. Lo said that nothing he could say would avail, as he was sure that his Worship would be prepared to grant the application made by Mr. Fitzroy. However, there was one point that he would like to bring up. He had already discouraged his clients to the effect that they could not expect to receive any assistance from his Worship, but all the same he (Mr. Lo) would like to raise important question of principle, and that was how far could the Ordinance go in the muzzling and general suppression of the freedom of the press?

What he would like to know was could his clients give an impartial report of judicial proceedings unhindered, or must they first submit such report to the whim of a paid clerk in the censor's office at the S.C.A.?

Mr. Fitzroy remarked to Mr. Lo that he did not think that an impartial report of judicial proceedings would in any way be interfered with.

Mr. Lo called his Worship's attention to Mr. Fitzroy's remark "in sotto voce," and commented that the matters complained of would be absolutely privileged in all civilised countries, and yet they had this prosecution. If the same privilege is not going to be extended to the press here, then they would have to apply another adjective to this Colony.

His Worship pointed out that according to the Ordinance everything other than trade advertisements would have to be censored, and he did not see how Mr. Lo could expect him to make a statement on the lines suggested.

Advice to Clients.

Mr. Lo said that that was just it. He had anticipated that his Worship would say that, and therefore he had advised his clients to take a serious view if at any time any impartial report was not passed.

The Magistrate decided to fix hearing of the case for 2.15 p.m., on Friday next.

Afterwards his Worship expressed the views to Mr. Lo that under the Ordinance, even a report of the proceedings, then in Court could not be published unless they were censored.

Mr. Lo replied that that would be so unless his Worship would say that the Ordinance was unconstitutional at a time when there was no state of emergency.

"OF HIS OWN VOLUNTARY," Mr. Fitzroy: No, no. Mr. Lo said that Mr. Fitzroy could say "No" as much as he

Shadows Before

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED
IN THE "MAIL."

To-day—Queen's Theatre: "Les Misérables."
To-day—World Theatre: "The Frontiersman."
To-day—Star Theatre: "The Boy Friend."

Sports.

May 26-28—Fifth Extra Race meetings of the H.K. Jockey Club, Happy Valley.

June 3—Next meeting of the Macao Race Club.

Lammerts' Auctions.

May 29—Household furniture at 9, Middle-rd., Kowloon, 2.45 p.m.

May 30—Household furniture at 5A, Jordan-rd., Kowloon, (first floor), 11 a.m.

May 31—Furniture and shop fittings at the Cafe Regent, Pedder-bldg., ground floor, 10.30 a.m.

Land Sale.

May 29—At P.W.D. Offices, one lot of Crown land at Kowloon, 3 p.m.

Meeting.

May 29—Half yearly meeting of H.K. Jockey Club, H.K. Club annex, 5.15 p.m.

Miscellaneous.

June 4—Reception at Government House in honour of the King's birthday.

June 4—General Parade at Happy Valley in honour of King George's Birthday, 9 a.m.

June 5—First of a series of addresses at Union Church Hall, Kennedy-rd., on the Old Testament, by Mr. J. S. Flacks.

November 13—Matriculation, Senior and Junior Local exams. at the Hong Kong University.

"LES MISÉRABLES."

BIG FRENCH FILM AT THE
QUEEN'S.

In adapting Victor Hugo's masterpiece, "Les Misérables," to the screen, the producer has spared neither time nor trouble to create the true atmosphere of the novel, and the production throughout bears the unmistakable stamp of sincerity and power. Three big streets—St. Dennis, Rue des Chanvriers and Rue Montedour—were reconstructed in the style of 1830. Victor Hugo had a great love of old time Paris and the author's vivid descriptions of grocery stores, cooper's sheds, quaint hair-dressing establishments and the famous cafe known as the "Corinthe," which at the time "Les Misérables" was written was over three hundred years old, have been faithfully reproduced. From first to last, the producer has caught the spirit of Hugo's great work, and the screen version is certain to enjoy a wide popular appeal. "Les Misérables" will be shown at the Queen's Theatre again to-day and to-morrow at 2.30, 6.00 and 9.20 p.m.

Two famous veteran tennis players, Major Sir Aston Cooper-Kay and Peter Latham, ex-champion, have arranged to play a match at Queen's Club, where Latham is head professional. It will probably take place on Peter's 63rd birthday. Major Cooper-Kay is some four years older, Latham will give the odds of 15.

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liked, but he certainly intended raising that point at the hearing of the case, if only for the luxury of "raising" or "muzzling" the opinion he had formed of the entire matter.

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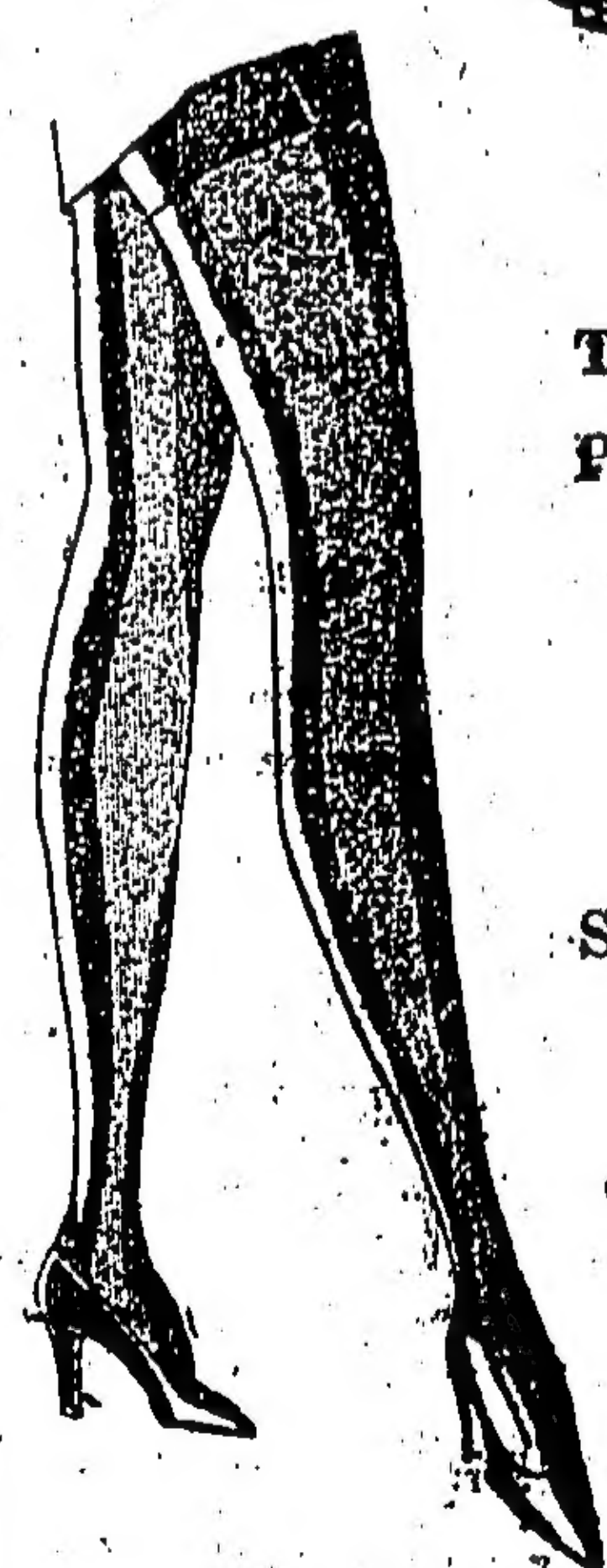
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LOCAL AND GENERAL SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

London, Yesterday.—Mr. Churchill was cheered to-day on entering the House of Commons for the first time since his illness.—Reuter.

In connection with the visit of Sir Austen and Lady Chamberlain to the bulb fields of Holland, a new variety of narcissus, which has been cultivated by Mr. Lubbe of Oegstgeest, has been named "Lady Chamberlain."

The Lisbon Chief of Police has issued a new order to the effect that persons not in their seats when the curtain goes up in a theatre, or the lights are lowered in a cinema, are to be kept outside until the next interval.

The Port of Lisbon Authority has purchased in Rotterdam, at a cost of £21,700, a large dredger for the purpose of providing sufficient depth for even the largest liners to moor alongside the Tagus wharves, and of deepening the channel in the river itself.

Alexander Zoubkoff, the ex-Kaiser's brother-in-law, is staying at a Luxembourg hotel, where rooms have been taken for himself and two ladies. He has been notified that the length of his stay in the Grand Duchy depends on his behaviour and discretion.

During the period from Oct. 1, 1927, to April 1, 1928, the number of Germans charged before the military courts in the Belgian Occupation Zone was 376. An aggregate eighteen years' and three months' imprisonment, and fines amounting to 10,765 marks were imposed.

A site extending to 25 acres has been acquired at Neuss by an American concern, stated to be the Standard Sanitary Manufacturing Co. Ltd., of Pittsburgh, for the erection of a factory. The buildings will cost about £400,000, and their erection is expected to take two years.

A petition presented to the Portuguese Minister of the Colonies by Mozambique landowners in connection with the negotiation of the new convention with the Union of South Africa includes suggestions about the wages payable to natives employed on the Rand, and a demand that the emigration of labour for the Transvaal mines be restricted.

According to an investigation made by the Bureau of Agriculture, Labour and Commerce, there are at the present time no fewer than 1,500 factories in Shanghai for the manufacture of native products. It is proposed shortly to hold an exhibition to show the people what products are available so that these will be used in preference to foreign, especially Japanese goods.

When opening a crate of bananas a Budapest greengrocer was terror-stricken at finding a large boa constrictor coiled up amidst the fruit. The snake, which was some 7ft. in length, was seemingly as much frightened as the man, and made a hurried escape into the street. It was finally secured by a keeper from the Zoological Gardens, who carried it off to the reptile house.

The oratorio "Elijah" by Mendelssohn will be given by a chorus of 79 voices under the direction of Dr. Elam J. Anderson of the Shanghai American School, at the Community Church, on the evening of Friday, June 1. Dr. E. L. Hall will sing the part of Elijah, and other singers will bear the other solo parts. The hard practice by the chorus and others during the past three months is expected to bear fruit in a musical evening of a high order. The proceeds will be available for the purchase of new hymnals for the church.

Berlin.—The secretary of the German Embassy at Moscow, has at last been allowed to see the three German engineers imprisoned by the OGPU at Rostoff, and to talk to them for ten minutes in the presence of three OGPU officials. The prisoners said that on March 15 they were transferred from the crowded cell in which they had been put and now had no complaint to make about the arrangements. Herr Meier complained that he was previously kept in a small room with 15 other persons, and stated that the day after his examination by the OGPU authorities, he had a stroke, which has deprived him of the use of his left arm. He is 52, and says that he had never had a day's illness before, but that now he feels so exhausted that he lies down all day. The secretary was promised that Meier should be examined by a doctor and placed in hospital. The date of the trial has not been settled. Six Germans—among many other persons—were arrested on charges of plotting the destruction of coal mines in the Don basin, but three have been released.

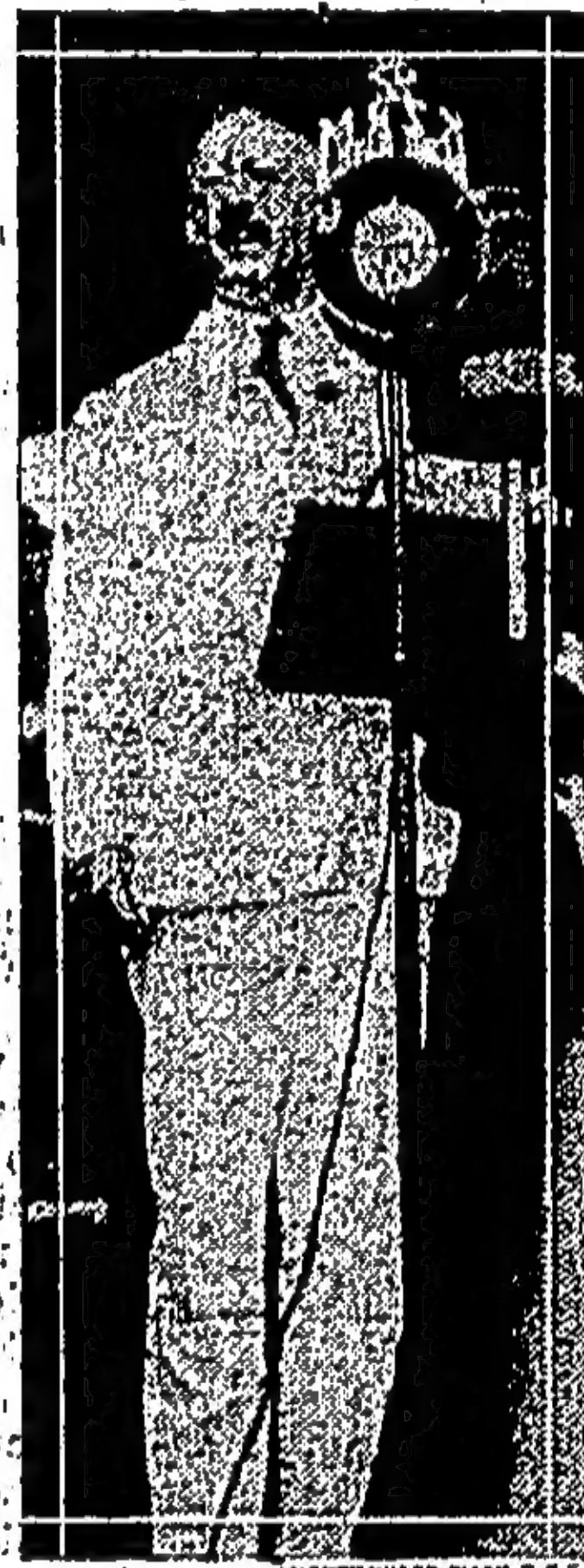
Mr. C. C. Rogers has been re-elected for the 34th time chairman of Radnorshire County Council.

London, Yesterday.—The Royal Colonial Institute, in celebrating its Diamond Jubilee, has changed its name to the "Royal Empire Society."—Reuter.

All departments of Messrs. A. S. Watson & Co., Ltd. will be closed on Monday next (Whit Monday). The Hong Kong Dispensary will be open for dispensing on that day from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 6 p.m. to 7.30 p.m.

A Chinese woman, living on the second floor of No. 13, Pilekstreet, was alleged to have attempted to commit suicide yesterday by taking a dose of opium. She is now in the Kowloon Hospital in a serious condition.

During the absence on leave of Mr. S. M. Edwards, Secretary of the Shanghai Municipal Council, Mr. J. R. Jones will join the Council service as Deputy Secretary, with Mr. J. McKee, Mr. Jones, who first went to Shanghai in October, 1924, has been from that time, well-known in law circles as a member of the firm of Messrs. Teesdale, Newman & McDonald.



Henry L. Stimson, new Governor-General of the Philippine Islands, making his inaugural address immediately after his arrival in Manila. He succeeds the late Gen. Leonard Wood. Governor-General Stimson has had a varied career, being Secretary of War under President Taft and recently sent to Nicaragua by President Coolidge to arrange for elections in that country.

Two Chinese were injured yesterday as the result of falling from the verandah of their houses whilst engaged in hanging out clothing to dry. Both are now in Hospital and in a serious condition. The first patient was a woman aged about 30, living on the second floor of No. 32, Templestreet, Yau-mat, the other being a man living at No. 16, Lun Fat-street, Wanchai.

News has been received of recent travels of a former frequent visitor to Shanghai, Mr. A. E. Fearnley. Mr. Fearnley who was accustomed to visit the Far East almost every year for a period of from 20 to 30 years in the interests of a large British company of wholesale manufacturing chemists, recently left England for Colombo and from there proceeded to Kenya and has since visited Victoria Nyanza, Uganda and Tanganyika. He is now on his way to Marseilles to meet Mr. Fearnley.

The "Hankow Herald" in the course of a leading article says:—The details of the killing of Dr. Walter Seymour are still scattered, despite the fact the murder took place on April 16, more than a fortnight ago. The dispatches, however, carry the amazing news that Dr. Seymour was slain by Nationalist soldiers because wounded men who were in the Northern army had been admitted into the hospital conducted by Dr. Seymour. When it becomes imperative in the life of a nation that wounded human beings be refused succour, then that nation has reached a low ebb indeed. It is only with the keenest sense of sorrow that one can read how an aged member of the foreign community, who has expended all his life in striving for the good of China, could so easily be shot and killed.

During the past year 20,000 pairs of gloves, 12,000 umbrellas and 500 walking sticks have been lost in London's underground railways.

Government measures ratifying the most favoured nation treaties between Canada and Czechoslovakia, and also with Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Portugal, and Roumania have passed the Dominion House of Commons.

A party of British industrialists who are visiting Rome, accompanied by representatives of the Fascist Confederation of Italian Industry, were received at the Capital by Prince Potenziani, the Governor of Rome, who entertained the visitors to tea.

Mr. Ronald G. Macdonald, who returned to Shanghai over the week-end, is looking remarkably fit after his holiday at home. His return to Shanghai is very greatly welcome in many quarters, especially in the Special Police and golf circles, where his activities will be invaluable, says the "N. C. Daily News."

The wedding took place in London on April 12 of Mr. Guy Strachan Barker, second son of the late Harold Barker, of 16 Tite-street, Chelsea, to Miss Dorothy Olive May Cruse, youngest daughter of the late John William Cruse, 14th Hussars. The bridegroom is well-known in Shanghai, having been for ten years in the head office of the British-American Tobacco Co.

Paris.—Timbuctoo, the once mysterious town in the depths of the Sahara has been brought within 28 hours of Paris by the French airmen Cornillon and Gerardon, who landed there after leaving Le Bourget the previous morning and making one stop at Colomb Bechar, also in the Sahara, for fuel. After a hasty meal of coffee and eggs the airmen took off again from Timbuctoo for Bamako and Senegal.

The Chinese papers report that the Bureau of Foreign Affairs is in receipt of a letter from the Dutch Consul-General in which protection for an aeroplane which proposes to come to Shanghai on a world flight is requested. The aeroplane, it is said, belongs to a Dutch company and has been chartered by an American citizen. (Probably the plane hired by Mr. Van Lear Black at Croydon). As reported by Reuter the flight was abandoned at Timbuctoo.

Nanking telegrams to the Chinese press state that Mr. Chang, a member of the Central Executive Council of the National Government, who is also a member of the Anhui Provincial Government, was assassinated in that city last Sunday morning. The assassin, who was later arrested, fired a number of shots at Mr. Chang, whose death was instantaneous. Whilst attempting to capture the man, a detective and a constable were shot dead also.

Tokyo.—Baron Kishichiro Okura died here of cancer at the age of 91. Baron Okura, known as the Croesus of Japan, was a multi-millionaire. He began life as a druggist's assistant, and at the time of his death had vast interests in theatres, hotels, leather, paper, shipping, banking, coal, and electricity. He also derived big profits from the selling of arms and ammunition. He opened a branch in London in 1874. On the occasion of his 87th birthday he defied the ultimatum of a group of demonstrators who forbade him to spend £100,000 on his celebration by entertaining 5,000 of his friends at the Imperial Theatre, Tokyo, of which he was part owner.

Interesting dedication services by the combined clergy of Yokohama were arranged to take place last week. The dedications, four in number, were to be as follows:—(1) The bronze entrance gates to the cemetery which have been completely remodelled since their destruction in the earthquake of 1923. (2) Bronze plaques commemorating those who were killed in the Great War. These have been set in a granite cenotaph inside the entrance gates. Prior to the earthquake these were a part of the entrance. (3) A bronze plaque, set in a cenotaph facing that bearing the war memorial, to commemorate the foreigners, known and unknown, who were killed in the earthquake. This is also to keep alive the memory of the foreign pioneers who laid the foundations of the former foreign settlement in Yokohama and of the trade with other nations. This cenotaph has been erected almost entirely with contributions from Japanese residents of Yokohama. (4) The vault in which are interred the remains of nearly 400 officers and men of the British Army and Navy. These were exhumed from the former graves in the cemetery which had fallen into general disrepair.

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Certain events during the past week help to illustrate the world-wide interest being taken in China, Japan, Tsinan and Manchuria.

In London, the Under-Foreign Secretary made two statements in Parliament. One was that Britain did not intend to interfere in the campaign of the Southerners. The later one was an admission that troops had been sent from Shanghai in preparedness for danger to Britons at Tientsin.

In spite of domestic politics, America has had to divert some attention to China, what with the request for her moral support and suggestions that she should mediate. Then the U.S. Minister at Peking sent a Note warning the Nationalists.

Japan, of course, is very much in the limelight at the moment, internationally, in view of the statement made by the Vice-Minister of War, a soldier, who referred to Britain's policy of defending Shanghai last year and to American intervention in Nicaragua.

News from the spot will, therefore, be doubly welcome everywhere. To ensure getting your copy, get the "Overland China Mail" at once as it contains a complete account of the week's events. It tells what is happening up North, how anti-Nipponism spread from port to port without becoming sensational, and how even in this British colony, a number of agitators ran foul of the law.

WHEN YOU GO ON LEAVE.

Hong Kong's spring exodus has begun. Are you going Home on leave this year? If you are, you will be surprised by the number of persons who will ask you about China and Hong Kong. You will be astonished at the number and type of silly questions put to you in all good faith. And you will have to admit reluctantly (if only to yourself) that you are not quite certain. Will you be believed, though? Keep in touch with Hong Kong and China by having the "Overland China Mail" sent to you for a stipulated period.

By spending a little time while you are on holiday, you can keep yourself well informed if you have the "Overland." The articles which you will seek are written to help non-Chinese to understand. In any case, you will not regret, from your own point of view, being posted with the main developments (reported in brief) while you are away.

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Sport Columns

LAWN BOWLS.

TO-MORROW'S FIXTURE LIST.

TEAMS' PROSPECTS.

[By "Bian"]
The non-fulfillment of last Saturday's fixtures has spoiled my chances this week of forecasting, but I still pin my faith on Craignower. They entertain Kowloon Cricket Club at home and I cannot see them beaten. Their three rinks are unchanged and with a whole week's practice, including a holiday, and the promise of a keen green tomorrow they would be difficult to beat by any team. It may be a great benefit to them if the Taikoo match that ought to have been played last week is left to the end, as the others cutting each other's throats might leave them with a sufficient margin.

The Civil Servants play Taikoo at home and I expect to see them win. Their first 12 looked stronger on paper at the beginning of the season than their position in the league table shows, but their sleeves are rolled up and a win is expected on their own green.

The Police entertain the Kowloon Bowling Green at the valley. The Police green is in beautiful condition, playing thus either way, and given a dry Friday and Saturday with the green fast I don't think the visitors will win on any rink. They have both lost a match which their supporters contend they should have won and that will make the fight fiercer and the issue more interesting. The "Peelers" have my vote.

In the Second Division East Point ought to win against the K.C.C. second string. They were lucky to get their match off last Saturday and the heavy green must have a strong factor in their favour against a really strong combination. Congratulations to Skipper Lee on his victory against a seasoned opponent.

Craignower second team go to Taikoo and it will be a surprise if they bring home the points. Either Taikoo team at home is formidable and their present green takes some knowing. Civil Service seconds go over to the Peninsula to play the much-fancied Club de Recreo "A". Civil Service are an unknown quantity as their only match was played against the Bowling Green with a man short. However, they have many experienced players in their side and lots of enthusiasm and a win tomorrow will make me fancy that their match against East Point later on will decide the Championship. I am told however, that Club de Recreo are good enough to figure in the first division and tomorrow will tell me. The other match at North Point between the Sailors and Club de Recreo junior will be a close thing and the home side are favourites.

Division I.

Civil Service C.C. v. Taikoo R.C.
Police R.C. v. Kowloon B.G.C.
Craignower C.C. v. Kowloon C.C.

Division II.

Taikoo R.C. v. Craignower C.C.
Recreo "A" v. Civil Service C.C.
Yacht Club v. Recreo "B".

Division III.

Craignower C.C. 2 0 0 4
Kowloon C.C. 1 1 0 0 2
Kowloon Dock R.C. 2 1 0 1 2
Kowloon B.G.C. 2 1 0 1 2
Police R.C. 2 1 0 1 2
Taikoo R.C. 2 1 0 1 2
Civil Service C.C. 2 0 0 2 0

Shots For and Against.

For Agt. Up Dn.
Craignower C.C. 131 110 21 0
Kowloon C.C. 68 51 17 0
Kowloon D.R.C. 126 116 10 0
Kowloon B.G.C. 120 121 0 1
Police R.C. 117 121 0 4
Taikoo R.C. 48 54 0 16
Civil Service C.C. 104 131 0 27

Division IV.

East Point R.C. 3 3 0 0 6
Taikoo R.C. 1 1 0 0 2
Civil Service C.C. 1 1 0 0 2
Recreo "A" 2 1 0 1 2
Craignower C.C. 2 1 0 1 2
Recreo "B" 2 1 0 1 2
Kowloon B.G.C. 3 1 0 2 2
Yacht Club 2 0 0 2 0
Kowloon C.C. 2 0 0 2 0

Shots For and Against.

For Agt. Up Dn.
Recreo "A" 142 112 30 0
East Point R.C. 187 164 23 0
Kowloon B.G.C. 179 162 17 0
Taikoo R.C. 66 49 17 0
Civil Service C.C. 64 53 11 0
Recreo "B" 107 117 0 10
Craignower C.C. 101 114 0 18
Yacht Club 86 120 0 34
Kowloon C.C. 93 134 0 41

Captain Geoffrey Crawshaw, president of the London Welsh Rugby Club, has once again organised a tour of Devon and Cornwall, and eleven Welsh Internationals.

LOCAL TENNIS.

IMPORTANT "B" DIVISION MATCH.

TO-MORROW'S FIXTURES.

The most important match in the League this Saturday will be the fixture between the Chinese R.C. and the Indian R.C. in the "B" division. Both clubs will endeavour to field their strongest side but it is expected that the Chinese will not be playing their regular six as, with the absence of Yew Man-Kit from their "A" team it is probable that they will have to draw on one of their "B" players this week. This will be a very keenly contested game with a very small margin separating the sides at the end. The odds are that the Chinese will, as they have repeatedly done so for the last few seasons, once again get the better of their Sookampoo neighbours.

Rain during the week prevented several matches from being played off, only two being decided on Wednesday. The decisive victory gained by the Hong Kong C.C. over the M.B.K. in the "A" division came as rather a surprise but the Club had got together a really fine combination and fully deserved their win. In the "C" league, the Indians went down badly to the R.A.O.C.—a somewhat surprising result as the teams appeared to be fairly evenly matched on paper. The full fixtures for to-morrow are:—

"A" Division.

Kowloon C.C. v. Hong Kong C.C.
M.B.K. v. Chinese R.C.
Indian R.C. v. Craignower.

"B" Division.

South China A.A. v. M.B.K.
Hong Kong C.C. v. Recreo.
Chinese R.C. v. Indian R.C.
University v. Kowloon C.C.
R.E. v. Craignower C.C.

"C" Division.

Filipino Club v. R.A.O.C.
Recreo-2 v. South China.
Chinese R.C.-1 v. Recreo-1.
Hong Kong C.C. v. Indian R.C.
Kowloon C.C. v. Y.M.C.A.
Nippon Club v. Civil Service.
Kennedy-rd. M.Q. v. Chinese-2.
Kowloon I.T.C. v. R.A.M.C.

LEAGUE TABLES.

The positions in the League to date are:—

"A" Division.

	P.	W.	L.	Pts.
Chinese R.C.	2	2	0	4
Hong Kong C.C.	1	1	0	2
M.B.K.	2	1	1	2
Craignower C.C.	2	1	1	2
University	2	1	1	2
Indian R.C.	1	0	1	0
Kowloon C.C.	2	0	2	0

"B" Division.

	P.	W.	L.	Pts.
Recreo	2	2	0	4
Indian R.C.	2	2	0	4
Chinese R.C.	2	2	0	4
Hong Kong C.C.	1	1	0	2
Nippon	2	1	1	2
University	2	1	1	2
M.B.K.	1	0	1	0
Engineers	1	0	1	0
Kowloon C.C.	2	0	2	0
Craignower C.C.	3	0	3	0
South China A.A.	0	0	0	0

"C" Division.

	P.	W.	L.	Pts.
Chinese R.C.-1	2	2	0	4
Recreo-2	2	2	0	4
South China A.A.	2	2	0	4
Chinese R.C.-2	2	2	0	4
Kowloon C.C.	2	2	0	4
R.A.M.C.	2	1	1	2
Kennedy-rd. M.Q.	2	1	1	2
Hong Kong C.C.	2	1	1	2
Recreo-1	2	1	1	2
Nippon	2	1	1	2
Civil Service C.C.	2	1	1	2
Kowloon I.T.C.	2	0	2	0
R.A.O.C.	3	1	2	2
Y.M.C.A.	2	0	2	0
Filipino Club	2	0	2	0
Indian R.C.	3	0	3	0

"C" LEAGUE.

Indian R.C. v. R.A.O.C.

Playing on Wednesday on their own courts, the Indian R.C. lost to the R.A.O.C. by 25 games—
(R.C.)—
lost to Hale and Waterfield 2-9
lost to Greenaway and Bryant 3-8
lost to Pepper and Donaldson 4-7

M. P. Madar and F. M. el Arcull.

(I.R.C.)—
lost to Hale and Waterfield 2-9
lost to Greenaway and Bryant 3-8
lost to Pepper and Donaldson 4-7

Y. J. Khan and D. Mohamed.

(I.R.C.)—
lost to Hale and Waterfield 5-6
lost to Greenaway and Bryant 8-3
lost to Pepper and Donaldson 4-7

(Total: I.R.C. 87, R.A.O.C. 62)

AMATEUR GOLF.

BANK CHAIRMAN SHINES.

SCOTTISH HERO.

Prestwick, Yesterday. The last eight in the British amateur golf championship has been reached and features the triumphs of 60 years old chairman of Lloyds Bank, Mr. Beaumont Pease who defeated to-day the South African McMaster 5 and 4 and Ellison, twice English champion, at the 20th.

The young Scottish doctor, McCullum, is the hero of the championship. He beat the Scottish international, W. Torrance 7 and 6. Wethered was inconsistent, beating McKilnay, a Glasgow student, one and 0.—Reuter.

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New York, May 10. Newcastle Country Club, Mount Kisco, New York, announce that they are ready to engage as professional, on a salary of £3,000 per annum, the winner of the British Golf Championship at Sandwich, whatever his nationality.

FRENCH TENNIS.

HARD COURT TEST OPENS.

Paris, Yesterday. The French hard courts championships have attracted a representative international entry. In the second round the Argentinians Boyd and Robson beat the American Hunter and the Australian, Norman Brookes 6-4, 6-3, 6-8, 6-1.—Reuter.

U.S. BOXING.

NEW BANTAMWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP.

New York, Yesterday. Bushy Graham beat Corporal Izzy Schwartz in a 15 round contest, the winner to be recognised as the bantamweight champion of the world.—Reuter's American Service.

BATHING SHED.

FOR ST. PETER'S CHURCH Y.M.'S CLUB.

The new bathing shed of St. Peter's Church Young Men's Club, at Repulse Bay, was inaugurated yesterday afternoon, when the opening ceremony was performed in the presence of a large gathering of members and their friends by Mrs. C. R. Duppuy, wife of the Bishop of Victoria.

After the official opening, tea was served, and many of those present took to the water and had a very enjoyable swim. A very pleasant afternoon was spent.

The Rev. N. V. Halward, M.C., Chairman of the Club, in asking Mrs. Duppuy to declare the bathing shed open, said that the occasion had been made so auspicious because the Club members wanted those who subscribed towards the match to know that the structure was now completed. The match was the gift of the public to the Club, but he would not mention any names as they were too numerous. However, he would be lacking in duty if he did not thank those generous firms and gentlemen who subscribed liberally when approached.

Before formally declaring the match open, Mrs. Duppuy said that the history of St. Peter's Club and its growth were exceedingly interesting. Although it was a very young Club its membership exceeded 130 today. It was because of the friendship that the Club extended to all that its membership had grown so wonderfully. Mrs. Duppuy reminded the gathering that it was owing to the efforts of the Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall that they obtained the fine site they had, and expressed regret that Dr. Kotewall was unable to be with them that afternoon. She declared the new bathing shed open and also wish the Club increasing success.

Among the generous donors to the funds for the erection of the match were: Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co., Gilman and Co., Dodwell and Co., Asiatic Petroleum Co., Ltd., British American Tobacco Co., Ltd., Gibb, Livingston and Co., Ltd., The Very Rev. Dean Swann, Rev. N. V. Halward, H. C. Hon. Mr. Owen Hughes, Sir Elly S. Kadoorie, Kt., Mr. A. Cameron, Mr. W. L. Pattenden, Mr. E. H. Ray.

BATHING FATALITY.

COOLIE DROWNED OFF KAI TACK BUND.

A coolie was drowned yesterday whilst bathing in the sea off the Kai Tack Bund. His body was discovered by Mr. Lum, a teacher of the Man Shing School, who reported to the police. The remains were removed to the Kowloon Mortuary.

TEASERS.

Answers to To-day's Questions.

1. Sir George Airy, for many years Astronomer Royal.
2. Germany, Brazil and India.
3. Scotch pebble.
4. The portion of a newspaper devoted to advertisements of a secret or personal nature.
5. £120,000.
6. Sir Gilbert Scott.

MOON ECLIPSE.

TOTALITY DUE ON JUNE 3.

VISIBLE HERE.

There will be a total eclipse of the Moon on June 3, visible at Hong Kong.

The Moon will rise at 6.35 p.m., having entered the shadow of the earth at 6.18 p.m. Totality begins at 7.31 p.m. and ends at 8.48 p.m.; the middle of the eclipse occurring at 8.10 p.m. Even during totality the outline of the Moon remains visible owing to sunlight which has been refracted in the earth's atmosphere. During the passage of this light through the earth's atmosphere the short waves are absorbed and so the Moon at totality is of a coppery colour, varying in intensity in different eclipses, according to the state of the atmosphere through which the sun's rays pass. The planet Saturn will be visible 2° North of the Moon.

CHIEF SCOUT.

PROPOSED 21ST ANNIVERSARY GIFT.

The announcement has been made of the intention to make a combined gift from Scouts of the world to the Chief Scout, Sir Robert Baden-Powell, on the occasion of the International Scouts Jamboree in 1929, in which year will be celebrated the 21st anniversary of the inauguration of the Boy Scout Movement.

As there must be in the Colony many old Scouts, who belonged here or elsewhere, who would like to participate in this gift, subscriptions are invited. These should be sent to Mr. C. H. Blason, c/o Messrs. Butterfield and Swire.

RICE ROW.

SIX STROKES FOR ASSAULTING A COOLIE.

A quarrel between two Chinese boys, employed in a carpenter's shop in Wanchai, resulted in one of the lads appearing before the Magistrate charged with assaulting the other. Complainant, who had his head bandaged, said that he was assaulted because he had not cooked sufficient rice for the other to eat. The assailant was ordered to receive six strokes.

PARLIAMENT.

THE WHITSUNTIDE RECESS.

London, Yesterday. Parliament has adjourned for Whitsuntide—the House of Commons until June 5 and the House of Lords till June 7.—Reuter.

SECRET DIVORCE.

MORE UNDEFENDED CASES NEXT TERM.

The Divorce Court judges in London disposed of about 780 matrimonial suits during the Hilary term, which concluded last month.

When the term opened on January 11 the judges were faced with the following cases:—

560 Undefended.
115 Defended probate and divorce suits.
26 Common jury.
9 Special jury.

These give a total of 710 cases. During the term about 20 additions were made to the list, and the judges disposed of not only all of these but 50 more cases from a supplementary undefended list. Since "secret" divorce became the law there has been a steady growth in the number of cases. The 560 undefended suits at the beginning of the Hilary term just concluded compares with 488 at the beginning of the Hilary term in 1926.

For the Easter term, beginning on April 17, there are between 500 and 600 undefended cases, and probably 150 defended probate and divorce actions. This is apart from 2,000 cases in the County Assize list—a total said to represent an enormous increase.

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"AS A YOUNGSTER."

(Continued From Page 1.)

ourselves at this 55th yearly meeting. Whilst we may regret that our Marine Account for 1926 was not so favourable I understand that Underwriting generally was very disappointing and although there is some satisfaction in knowing we were not alone in this, but one of many, I feel sure we had our share of what was going and we are glad to know that 1927 promised much better.

Before—And Now.

If I may touch a personal note here I might mention that my dealings with the Society extend over very many years since when as a youngster I used to visit the old office under the Royal Exchange in connection with a settlement of some claim or other and I can only say that the courtesy and consideration shown then has been carried on through subsequent years and so long as that feeling of mutual confidence and amicable settlements remain the policy of this Society we are bound to go forward notwithstanding inevitable periods of depression. (Applause.)

Tribute to Management.

It is good to show that we are now housed in Lloyd's new premises which is certainly being as near on the spot as we can and should be of very valuable assistance. It is also pleasant to hear that our Fire business has been transacted at a profit and I hope to hear next year that our General business is also on the right side. I think I am right in saying that our General Manager and those associated with him together with the Board of Directors have the sincere thanks of the shareholders for what has been done in the past and that we can look forward to the future of the Society with every confidence.

With these few remarks I beg to second the adoption of the report and accounts. (Applause.)

No question was put. The proposal was carried unanimously.

Other business transacted by the meeting comprised:—

Re-election of retiring directors, Mr. T. G. Weall and Mr. A. Macgowan—proposed by Mr. J. A. Worswick, seconded by Mr. J. Ormiston.

Re-election of the retiring auditors, Messrs. Lowe, Bingham & Matthews and Messrs. Linstead & Davis, at a fee of £2,000 each—proposed by Mr. John Arnold, seconded by Mr. L. E. N. Ryan.

Dividend warrants can be applied for now.

CHINA FIRE CO.

Increased Return Justified by Position.

The shareholders present at the subsequent meeting of the China Fire Insurance Co. Ltd. were as follows:—Messrs. J. W. Alabaster, A. E. S. Alves, A. A. Alves, John Bentley, B. M. C. de Cunha, F. H. Farne, W. F. Gardner, Leigh, E. A. Lees, V. L. dos Remedios, V. R. V. Ribeiro, M. A. Souza, J. A. Worswick.

Those at the Board table comprised Mr. T. G. Weall (chairman), the Hon. Mr. J. Owen Hughes, the Hon. Mr. C. G. S. Mackie, Mr. W. H. Bell, Mr. W. L. Pattenden (directors), and Mr. Paul Lauder (general manager).

The general manager read the notice convening. The chairman then read his address, as follows:—

1926 Account. Gentlemen.—The report and accounts were issued on May 7, and as they have been in your hands for several days, I will, subject to your approval, take them, together with the Auditors' report as read.

The Working Account for the year 1926 shows a balance of £388,120.34. Your directors recommend, that a dividend of 9 p per share and a bonus dividend of 8 p per share on 20,000 shares be paid to shareholders, absorbing £280,000, and that the balance be carried forward to Underwriting Suspense Account to close the account for the year 1926.

Increased Returns.

The Balance at credit of the 1927 account is £961,164.44 which represents a considerable improvement over the balance for the corresponding period of the previous year. Out of this balance your directors recommend the payment of an interim dividend of 32 p per share, absorbing £40,000, and that the remainder be carried forward. The payment of an interim dividend is a departure from the usual procedure so far as this company is concerned. The effect to the shareholders is to increase the total amount now receivable by way of dividends and bonus by the sum of £2 per share which your directors consider is justified both by the results and the strong position of the company.

I now move that the directors' report and statement of accounts as presented be adopted and when this has been seconded, I shall be pleased to answer any question that may be put.

Mr. Leigh Garner seconded. No question was put and the proposal was carried unanimously.

Other Business.

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Dividend warrants can also be had on application.

THE "ITALIA."

FLIES OVER NORTH POLE FOR AN HOUR.

Oslo, Yesterday. The airship "Italia" has crossed the North Pole. The "Italia" flew over the North Pole for about an hour between turning to Spitzbergen.—Reuter.

MONEY & SHARES.

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FRANZ SCHUBERT.

THE POET OF MELODY.

[By Felix Goodwin.]

In the world of music this is to be Schubert's year. Musicians everywhere are preparing to honour the hundredth anniversary of the death of a genius who scarcely gave himself time to attain to manhood before he left the earth, but who left it the richer by a legacy of some of the loveliest music ever written. A great festival is to be held in his own city of Vienna, and no town or city of any note will omit to hold its programme of celebration; whilst industry, the modern auxiliary of art, is offering a prize of £2,000 for the composition of one new masterwork of homage, a sum many times greater than Schubert received from publishers in the whole of his lifetime, and infinitely greater than the sum of ten florins (8s. 6d.) stated in the official inventory of his possessions at the time of his death to be the value of his unpublished manuscripts, described therein as "a quantity of old music."

A Schoolboy Genius.
Franz Peter Schubert, the one great musician native to Vienna, was born on January 31, 1797, and except for occasional trips to the neighbouring country, lived there throughout his short life, dying in his brother's house on November 19, 1828, at the age of thirty-one. His father, son of a peasant, was a parish schoolmaster, and his mother, like Beethoven's, had been a cook. He was the thirteenth of fourteen children. Since his father and his surviving elder brothers were fond of music, Franz had the advantage of good grounding and encouragement, but his music precocity soon became too much, not only for these simple teachers, but for the local professors who took him in hand. He seemed always to know, instinctively more than anyone could teach him, and his early youth was passed in astonishing his elders. A choir-boy at the age of eleven, he had even then started to compose, and during his school days at the curiously-named Imperial "Convict" he had every opportunity of giving rein to his amazing talent and of developing an industry unprecedented in musical creation. His only need was for music-paper, and of that, until a friend supplied it, he could not get enough. Before he left the "Convict," at 17, he had, besides a mass of other works, already composed his first symphony for orchestra.

Early Masterpieces.
He then took a post as schoolmaster, in order to avoid the dreaded conscription, and for three years he suffered what, to such a man, was sheer drudgery. In spite of this, however, his out-

put at this period was not only enormous, but shot with masterpieces which rank with those of his maturity, such as, to mention only two of his songs, the famous "Erl-King" and "Gretchen at the Spinning-Wheel." In one year, 1815, he wrote two symphonies, two masses, eight operatic works, a large number of smaller pieces, and no fewer than 146 songs—all this in the intervals between his school duties. A mere copyist could scarcely have more diligently covered music-paper.

From now on to the end of his short and uneventful life he de-



voted practically his whole time to composition. He made friends: Spaun, his school chum; Vogl, the fashionable singer who performed his songs; Schöber, the accommodating dilettante; Huttenbrenner, friend of Beethoven; Mayrhofer, a hypochondriac poet with whom for some years he shared lodgings; Salleri, who claimed to have had Mozart as a pupil; and, on another plane, the Easterhazy family. He was 21 when he accepted an engagement from Count Esterhazy to give musical instruction to his three children at his country seat. Caroline Esterhazy was then eleven. Six years later, when she was a beautiful girl of 17, Schubert's friendship had ripened into a feeling of such tenderness that, if he ever experienced love, it was for Caroline. "Everything I ever did is dedicated to you," he told her, and that, to the end, was doubtless true. But, from the difference in their stations, more than tenderness was impossible, and it is doubtful if Franz ever permitted himself to be more than ideally devoted.

Songs Tenpence Each.

How Schubert managed to exist through these years of incessant work is not known. He was utterly lacking in business ability, and did not seem to care whether his works were published or not. When he did traffic, he was at the mercy of publishers who had neither the courage nor the foresight to speculate upon his worth. He sold dozens of songs for tenpence each, and the magnificent E Flat Trio for seventeen-and-sixpence. He he sold everything he wrote instead of the little he



Madrid, Spain.—A dramatic moment in the last bull fight of the great torador, Ignacio Sanchez Megias, who has given up the bull ring and become an actor. The throngs who cheered him as he dispatched wild bulls now wildly applaud him in the theater here where he is appearing in the drama "Without Reason."

WOMEN COMPOSERS.

QUESTION AS TO THEIR ROYALTIES.

WHAT MRS. M. MORGAN GETS.

Mrs. May Morgan, of High-street, St. John's Wood, the composer of about 130 songs, including the music of "I Passed By Your Window," told a committee of inquiry recently that the average royalties from the large number of her songs produced by the gramophone companies had been about £100 a year.

She asked the committee to double the royalty. She did not think the increase would adversely affect the sales of even cheap records.

The committee are inquiring into the application of authors, composers and publishers of music for an equitable increase in the rate of royalties paid by gramophone companies.

The application is made under Section 19 of the Copyright Act, 1911.

Mrs. Helen Rothchild, York-buildings, Adelphi, said under her maiden name, Helen Taylor, she was the author of "I Passed By Your Window," "Come to the Fair," and other lyrics.

Her receipts from the sale of sheet music had declined from £600 to £200 a year during the last five years. Her maximum return from mechanical rights was between £100 and £120 last year.

Replying to Mr. Henn Collins (for the opponents), Mrs. Rothchild said she would like to receive more from the gramophone records than she was getting at present.

SOVIET PLANS.

40 TO PASS FOREIGN CENSORSHIPS.

AGITATION BEFORE ART.

Riga.—Of 250 Bolshevik film productions projected during the coming year 210 must be suitable for home revolutionary agitation. The remaining 40 must also contain propaganda but be able to pass foreign censorship for exhibition abroad.

The Cinema Artists' Union has protested and requested that a larger number of artistic films and less agitation should be allowed, but the national Commissariat of Education has ruled that the cinema is one of the most valuable means of propagandising the masses and that agitation is more necessary than art.

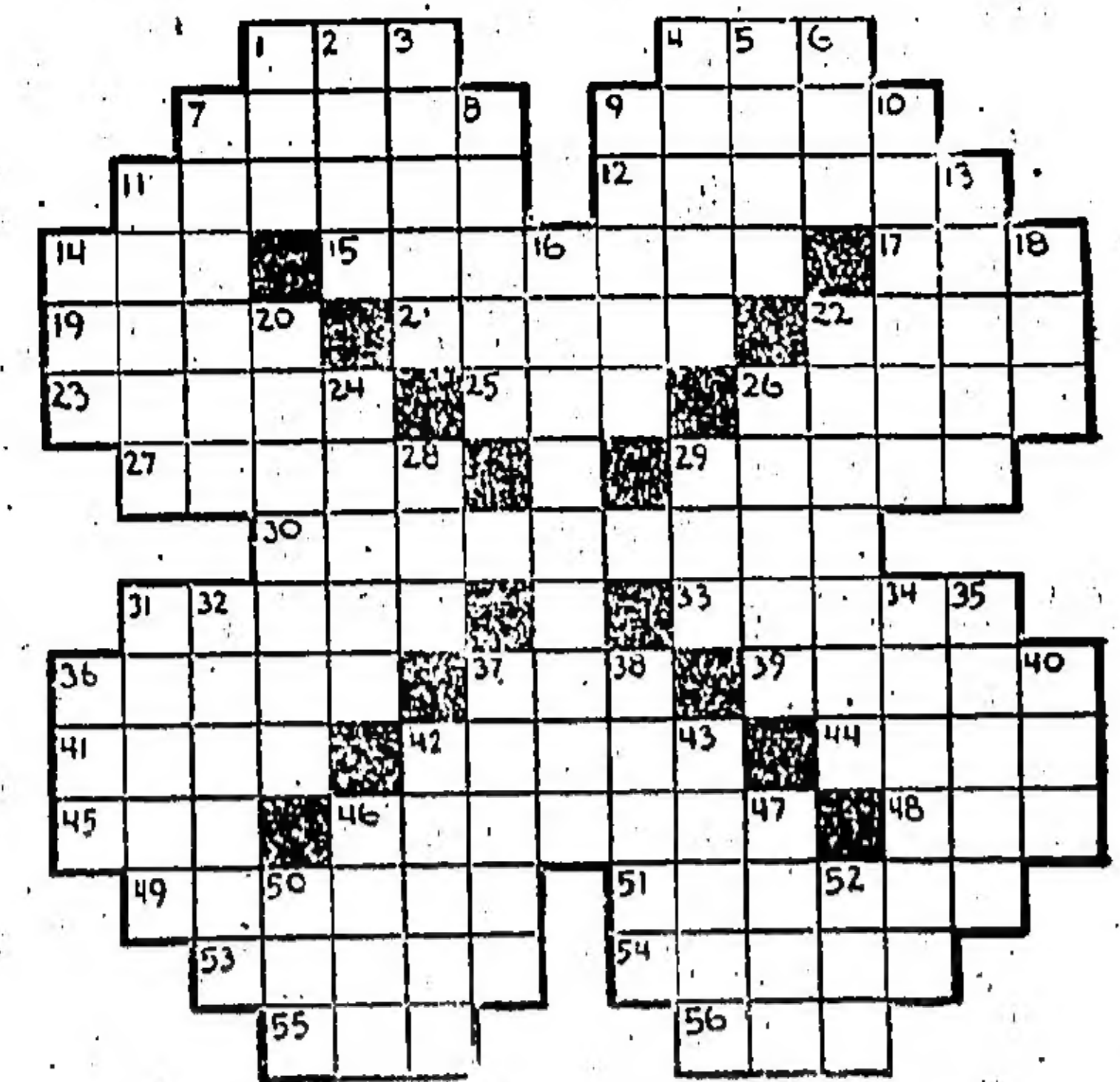
A Marxian historian is to aid in writing the scenarios.

did sell, it was impossible at this rate to have kept body and soul together. His friends certainly helped him, but to no great extent. Nevertheless, he occasionally had money, and lived at times in some sort of comfort, lavish in hospitality to his cronies, but always prodigal and careless. Even his manuscripts fared no better. He would complete a composition, give it away or lock it up, and dismiss it from his mind, sometimes actually failing to recognise as his own that he had written only shortly before. He wrote so much and so rapidly that he had no time to do more than create.

Yet, in an odd way, Schubert was systematic. He composed usually during the morning, beginning to write immediately he awoke, and even sleeping in his spectacles to save time and trouble. As soon as one piece was finished he started on another, and would sit for six or seven hours at his desk. He usually spent the afternoon in walking and the evening with his friends at a cafe sometimes drinking more than perhaps was good for him, but so did every young Viennese bachelor of those days. This was his routine, made easy by disregarding any engagement that threatened to disturb it. —"John O'London's Weekly."

DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



HORIZONTAL

- 1—Old age (poet.)
- 4—Mineral spring
- 7—Characteristic
- 8—Pertaining to oil
- 11—Remedy for bruises
- 12—Tendon
- 14—Malt liquor
- 16—Hange down
- 17—Insane
- 18—Members of a leading political party (abbr.)
- 21—Number (pl.)
- 22—Successor
- 23—Globules of moisture
- 25—Bolt on eyelid
- 26—Wary
- 27—Small quantity
- 29—Goes without food
- 30—Seasoning
- 31—Garment
- 32—Period of time (pl.)
- 35—Vase
- 37—Chum
- 39—Crisp cakes
- 41—Strong flavor
- 42—The Destinies

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

- 44—Composition for one
- 45—Unit of work
- 46—Rattles
- 48—Edge
- 49—Long narrow pass in mountains
- 51—Lapwing
- 53—Deep lethargy
- 54—Devil
- 55—Write (abbr.)
- 56—English money (abbr.)

VERTICAL

- 1—Eagle
- 2—Put down
- 3—Cuts into cubes
- 4—Vehicle (pl.)
- 5—Garden vegetable (pl.)
- 6—Help
- 7—Quivering motion
- 8—Tapestry
- 9—Secretary of State under Cleveland
- 10—Bond of union
- 11—Wide awake
- 12—Falls in drops

VERTICAL (Cont.)

- 14—Sum up
- 16—Liberate from entanglement
- 18—Lacking moisture
- 20—Interval between printed letters
- 22—Hurries
- 24—Twenty
- 25—Walking-sticks
- 26—Entomology (abbr.)
- 29—Not many
- 31—Turn
- 32—Depends
- 34—Chin play
- 36—Divide lengthwise
- 38—Feminine saint (abbr.)
- 37—News sheet
- 38—Jumps
- 40—Something given to satisfy
- 42—Criminal
- 43—Take without leave
- 46—Mature
- 47—Places
- 50—Dude
- 52—Mass used for stuffing

SUGGESTIONS FOR SOLVING CROSS-WORD PUZZLES
Start out by filling in the words of which you feel reasonably sure. These will give you a clue to other words crossing them, and they in turn will give you a clue to still others. A letter belongs in each white space, words starting at the numbered squares and running either horizontally or vertically or both.

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

A "COME-BACK."

BRILLIANT SUCCESS OF NEW REVUE.

MR. NOEL COWARD.

London.—Mr. Noel Coward has come into his own again. His revue, which he wrote for Mr. C. B. Cochran, promises to be the success of the year.

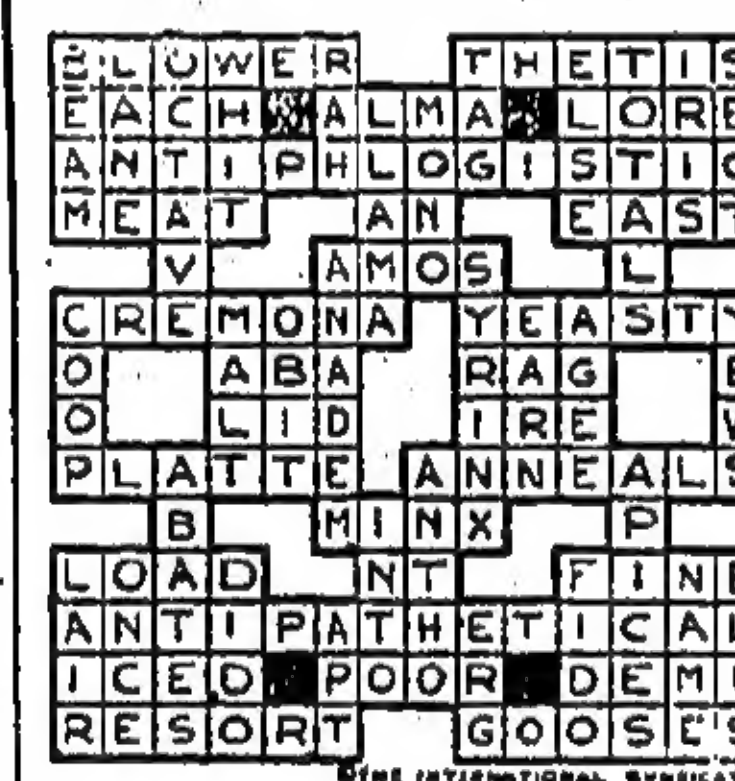
His two failures, "Home Chat" and "Sirocco," brought his name as a playwright very low indeed. After the scathing attacks which followed the production of "Sirocco," Mr. Coward offered to release Mr. Cochran from his contract to write a new revue. Mr. Cochran, however, refused, and the reception accorded to "This Year of Grace," when it was produced at the Pavilion, has proved his judgment to be correct.

Mr. Coward wrote all the lyrics and the entire libretto while acting in "The Second Man." The sketches in the new revue show much of the invention and wit which made his name as a writer of comedy, although on occasions the wit is a trifle bitter and sometimes actually a burlesque of the type of life depicted in his own serious plays. The lyrics are described as "mere jingles," but they jingle agreeably.

Mr. Coward is an extremely hardworking young man. He is a teetotaler and saves about three-quarters of his income. He usually does two hours' writing before breakfast.

His success has called back to his banner many of his Chelsea supporters who faltered when "Sirocco" crashed.

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION.



FOR SIR E. ELGAR.

"WHO HAS SAVED MY COUNTRY FROM REPROACH."

£7,000 GIFT.

Mr. Leo Francis Howard Schuster, of the Long White Cloud, Bray, Berkshire, who left £47,070, gave £7,000 to Sir Edward Elgar, O.M., "who saved my country from the reproach of having produced no composer worthy to rank with the Great Masters."

He also left a bronze bust of Sir Edward Elgar to the National Portrait Gallery, and the original MSS copy of the Overture "In the South," and all the full orchestral scores of his works (Sir Edward Elgar) to the Royal Academy of Music.

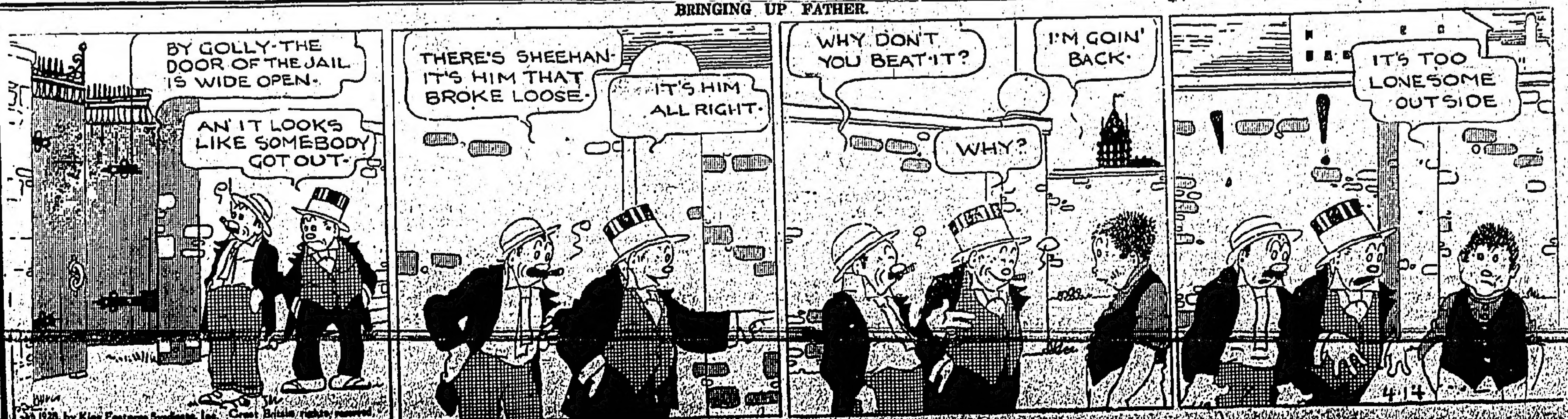
The remainder of his music and books on music to his friend, Adrian Boult, "musician."

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MARRIAGE TO-DAY.

UNIQUE SOVIET LAW LETS
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DIVORCE FREES UNHAPPY.

[By Walter Duranty.]

The Ukraine is the centre of Soviet attention these days, with the triumphant Soviet grain collection campaign so swelled by the rich black fields that the year's total by the end of March will equal that of past years despite the disastrous results of early Winter, and with the great "technicians' sabotage plot" just discovered by the vigilant OGPU after six years of nefarious activities in the Don iron region.

The Ukraine, besides being the Soviet Union's granary and Pittsburgh and the home of 30,000,000 inhabitants, with a language of their own, who more than once have shown inconvenient secessionist tendencies, has another call to fame. To the best of your correspondent's knowledge it is the only place in the world where a man and woman can be married without knowing about it till afterward.

Marriage Behind One's Back.

The Ukraine has a law, doubtless devised for the protection of poor girls against gay Lotharios who decline "to make honest women of them," permitting a man or a woman to go to a marriage bureau and register a union with the other party unless the latter is already married, with the sole proviso that said party be subsequently informed by the bureau.

That is the law as it stands, which sounds alarming. In practice doubtless it is mitigated by two factors: First, to register may require some confirmation of the reasons given, and, second, divorce is granted in the Ukraine, as elsewhere in the Soviet Union, on the simple request of either party, and it is an easy matter for a Lothario or a flirtatious miss to repudiate an unwelcome tie.

Nevertheless, the Soviet marriage and divorce laws, being what they are, serious-minded American correspondents here "view with alarm" a possible state of affairs if ever the recognition of the Soviet Union by the United States unleashes upon this country a flood of American tourists and students such as now invade Paris. It may be apprehended that an appreciable percentage of them would con-

sider that the divorce law filled a longfelt want.

New and Old Russia Still at Odds. Thus, while the Ukraine allows the marriage law whereby one may become a spouse unawares, the R.S.F.S.R. has just promulgated a decree prescribing the prosecution of persons applying for a divorce within a fortnight after their marriage. This law is evidently devised to give fourteen days of profitable repentance to those who wed in haste and to act as a deterrent to any deliberately making both marriage and divorce plans in advance.

In point of fact, new Russia is a bizarre mixture of the most advanced thought and old-fashioned conservatism. The satirical press pokes fun at the Soviet Minister of Education, Anatole Vladimirov Lunacharsky, because he replied to a deputation of Soviet elders glooming about the shortness of women's skirts that "statistics show women healthier than when skirts were long."

And the Pravda's theatrical critic bitterly attack Russia's foremost producer, Meyerhold, for modernising one of Griboyedoff's classics and thus repeating the "outrage" he committed when he modernised Gogol's masterpiece "The Revisor."

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Yet the same Pravda most vehemently assails a citizen of the Ural region named Starkoff, a member of the local Executive Committee, chief of the local police and a Communist—of purest proletarian origin—of twenty-five years' standing who, wishing to convince new acquaintances with his importance, struck himself on the chest, crying:—

"You don't know who I am? Well, I am Governor of this State."

The Pravda adds with satisfaction that the misguided claimant to the outworn gubernatorial dignity was punished by a "sharp reprimand" from the local Communist Control Committee.

Vast Clean-Up of Bootleggers.

But this is not the only respect in which the Soviet Union seems determined to outstrip the capitalist United States. A little more than a month ago a nation-wide campaign began against bootleggers, who arose in Russia the very day that the Czar forbade vodka and had flourished so exceedingly when the high-minded Bolsheviks decreed total prohibition that now they quite decline to abandon competition with the fiery but relatively cool vodka, wine, beer, etc., which provide a handsome part of the Soviet budget revenues.

To stimulate the energy of the Soviet police, it was ordained that they should receive 25 per cent. of the fines paid by the bootleggers. So the Police Chief of the R.S.F.S.R. (Russian Socialist Federation of Soviet Republics, meaning Russia proper and not including the Federations of the Ukraine, White Russia, Caucasasia, and Central Asia) proudly announces in the "Izvestia" that his forces in one month have had convicted and fined 60,000 persons nearly 1,100,000 rubles; have destroyed 22,000 stills, and have seized 2,000,000 quarts of illicit vodka.

The Ukraine figures are not mentioned, so probably the Ukraine lags behind. The Caucasians, like the Italians, are "weaned on wine," so little can be done there. But the R.S.F.S.R. flatters itself upon its superiority over the rest of the Soviet Union—"Exchange."

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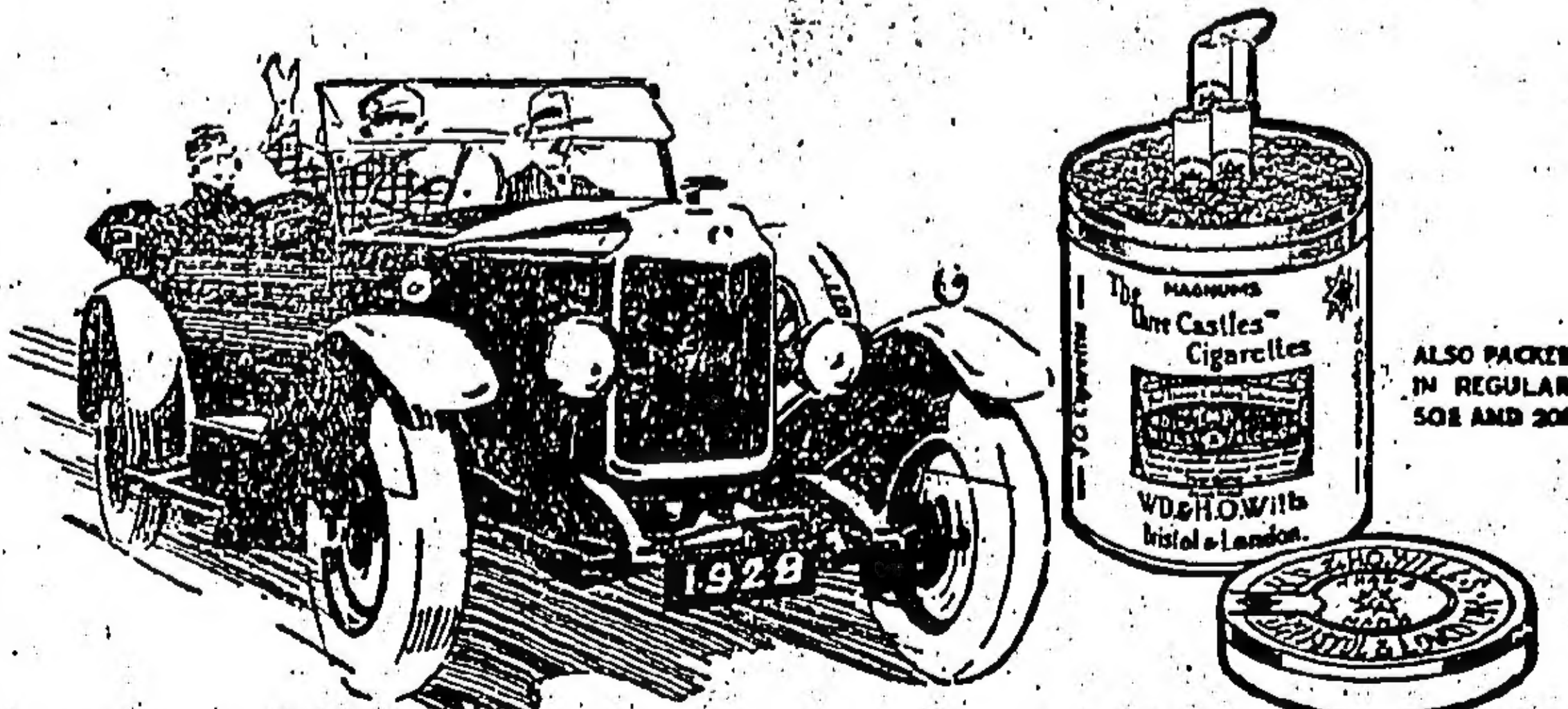
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OUTWARD MAILS.

For	FRIDAY, MAY 25.	Per
Swatow, Amoy and Poochow	Hai Ning	3.30 p.m.
Haiphong	Tonkin	3.30 p.m.
Salgon	Lyemooon	3.30 p.m.
Shanghai and Japan	Pfalz	3.30 p.m.
Sam Shui and Wuchow	Tai Hing	4.30 p.m.
Hoihow	Soon Ann	5 p.m.
Shanghai	Szechuen	5 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 23rd June. K.P.O. Parcels 4.30 p.m. Registration (May 26th) 9 a.m. Letters (May 26th) 10 a.m. G.P.O. Parcels 5 p.m. Registration (May 26th) 9.45 a.m. Letters (May 26th) 10.30 a.m.	Malwa	
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Amoy	Antung	5 p.m.
Manila and Parcels for Germany via Hamburg	Prussen	9 a.m.
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MONDAY, MAY 28.

Shanghai, Japan, U.S.A., C. & S. America and Europe via Victoria, B.C.—due Victoria, B.C., 18th June. Parcels 11 a.m. Registration 11.15 a.m. Letters Noon	President Lincoln	Noon
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"ANTI-BABEL."

Microphones at Geneva Conferences.

DIFFICULTIES SOLVED.

Running Translations in Four Languages.

Geneva, May 6. Language difficulties at international conferences are likely to be solved by a new "anti-babel" apparatus which is to be used for the first time at the International Labour Conference towards the end of the month.

By this system hundreds of delegates and others will have the choice of three or four languages in which to be addressed by expert interpreters equipped with microphones.

The interpreters will make a running translation of the speeches in the language in which they specialise, being only one sentence behind the actual orator.

Amplifiers and distributing circuits will convey the translation to the delegates' tables, where earphones will be available. The microphones will be treated so that the voices of the interpreters will not conflict with those of the orators.

It is claimed that such simultaneous translations are less liable to error than translations made after speeches from memory or from notes.

U.S. FARMERS.

THE VETOING OF THE RELIEF BILL.

PRESIDENT'S REASONS.

Washington, Yesterday. Concentrating his attack on the constitutional side of the Farm Relief Bill, President Coolidge in formed the Senate, to which it was returned, that the equalisation fee, which was the principal feature of the Bill, was altogether unacceptable.

He declared that the Bill embodied "a formidable array of perils to agriculture which were all the more menacing because they were obscured in a mass of portentously futile bureaucratic paraphernalia."

Congress must now decide whether to pass the Bill over the President's veto, or introduce a measure agreeable to President Coolidge.

Political circles are much exercised at the outcome of the President's action, and undoubtedly the Republican element in the agricultural states will endeavour to make its voice heard at the approaching Presidential election.

Senator McNary, one of the sponsors of the Bill, has declared that President Coolidge is "unsympathetic towards the farmer and uninformed with regard to his problem."—Reuter's American Service.

"LINDY'S" NEW JOB.

COMBINED RAILWAY AND AIR SERVICE.

NEW YORK TO LOS ANGELES.

New York, Yesterday. A combined railway and aeroplane service, to reduce the time of the journey from New York to Los Angeles from four to two days is being inaugurated by the Trans-Continental Air Transport Company.

Col. Lindbergh will be Chairman of the Technical Committee and will be responsible for the selection of route, pilots and aeroplanes.

Interviewed about this Col. Lindbergh said his new duties would not prevent his concentrating on other developments in aviation. He had not yet decided to abandon his plan of flying to Europe in the summer via Labrador, Greenland and Iceland.—Reuter's American Service.

New York, Yesterday.—The Banking group, headed by Brown Brothers Company, has raised a \$3,000,000 sterling loan for the city of Berlin.—Reuter's American Service.

ITALIAN FLAG.

Two Youthful Climbers.

INSULTING ITALY.

Austrian Authorities Make Amends On Demand Of Consul.

Innsbruck, Yesterday. In the course of an anti-Italian demonstration in front of the Italian Consulate on the occasion of the celebration of Italy's entry into the Great War, two youths

FAIR WEATHER.

Light S.E. or variable winds, fair, is the official weather forecast until noon to-morrow. The Eastern Sea depression has passed into the Pacific and the Yangtze Valley. Anti-cyclone is now central near Tokyo. A shallow depression remains over Indo-China.

climbed to the Consulate and hauled down the Italian flag. The Austrian authorities immediately re-hoisted the flag on the demand of the Consul, and promised to punish the culprits.—Reuter.

PRINCE OF WALES.

TO COMPLETE HIS TOUR OF THE EMPIRE.

VISITING AFRICA.

London, To-day. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales is expected to complete his tour of the Empire this year by a visit to



H. R. H.

East Africa. The Duke of Gloucester (Prince Henry) in a speech in London, declared that he intends to accompany his brother in the autumn on his long trip to British Africa.—Reuter.

HAMBURG'S GAS.

GERMAN CABINET DISCUSS THE SUBJECT.

AN INVESTIGATION.

Berlin, Yesterday. The Cabinet discussed the poison gas catastrophe in Hamburg. Herr Curtius, Economic Minister stated that a Government expert had been sent to Hamburg to investigate. He added that it had already been established that phosgene had not been stored for military purposes.—Reuter.

BOMB OUTRAGE.

MEXICO CITY DEPUTIES THREATENED.

A NARROW ESCAPE.

Mexico City, Yesterday. A bomb exploded in the lavatory of the Chamber of Deputies last night, half an hour after congress had concluded a special session. There were no casualties, and very little damage was done. A second bomb was found unexploded near the first.—Reuter's American Service.

ENGLAND & SPAIN.

LINKED UP BY TELEPHONY.

London, Yesterday. The Postmaster General announces that a telephone service will be established between England and Spain from to-morrow. Communication will be available between all parts of Great Britain and all parts of Spain. The service will be effected by means of "Through" circuit between London and Madrid.—Reuter's American Service.

ILLEGAL CORPS.

Ex-Members Sentenced For Shooting.

GERMAN MILITARISTS.

Fate of Informer to Inter-Allied Commission.

Berlin, May 6. After a three weeks' trial three ex-members of an illegal military organisation called the Rossbach Corps have been convicted at the Stettin Court of shooting their comrade, Willie Schmidt, in 1920, because the latter was suspected of informing the inter-Allied Military Commission of where the Rossbachers had hidden their arms.

Ex-Lieut. Heines was sentenced to 15 years' penal servitude; ex-Sergt. Ottow to four years; a workman named Froebel to three years; and five others were acquitted.

The jury, in returning a verdict of guilty, recommended the prisoners to mercy, giving the opinion that they had acted out of love for the Fatherland.

"AUTONOMISTS."

SENT TO JAIL FOR A YEAR.

COLMAR TRIAL DECISION.

Colmar, Yesterday. Ricklin, Rosse, Schall and Fasshauer (the "Alsatian" "Autonomists") have been sentenced to one year's imprisonment and five years' interdiction. Sejour and another were released.—Havas.

Colmar, Later. Noisy demonstrations inside the Court and free fights outside illustrated the intensity of the feeling in the protracted autonomist trial. Four of the principal defendants, including Ricklin and Rosse (both of whom were recently elected deputies) were found guilty of conspiring against the French state, with extenuating circumstances, and sentenced to a year's imprisonment and five years' banishment from Alsace.

Eleven others were acquitted.—Reuter.

GREEK CRISIS.

M. VENIZELOS' DUTY.

Athens, May 23. M. Venizelos, in the course of a statement, says the resignation of M. Kafandaridis has compelled him to reconsider his decision to abstain from politics, although he recognises that his return will embitter party strife.

He says it is his duty to resume the leadership of the Liberals, who are the strongest bulwark against a Dictatorship and kindred evils.—Reuter.

PERSIA OBSTINATE.

RECOGNITION OF IRAK.

Rugby, May 23. In the House of Commons, Sir Austen Chamberlain stated, in reply to a question, that the attention of the Persian Government had frequently been called to the desirability, in their own interests, of recognising the present Government of Irak and thereby placing their relations with that Kingdom on a normal and friendly footing. The Persian Government, however, had not hitherto taken this step.—British Wireless Service.

TREE CUTTING.

CHINESE FINED AT KOWLOON.

A Chinese was, this morning at the Kowloon Magistrate's Court, fined \$50 with the alternative of a month's hard labour for trespassing on Crown land, and for stealing wood. The complaint was lodged by Mr. J. R. Carr, supervisor of the Botanical and Forestry Department.—Reuter's American Service.

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